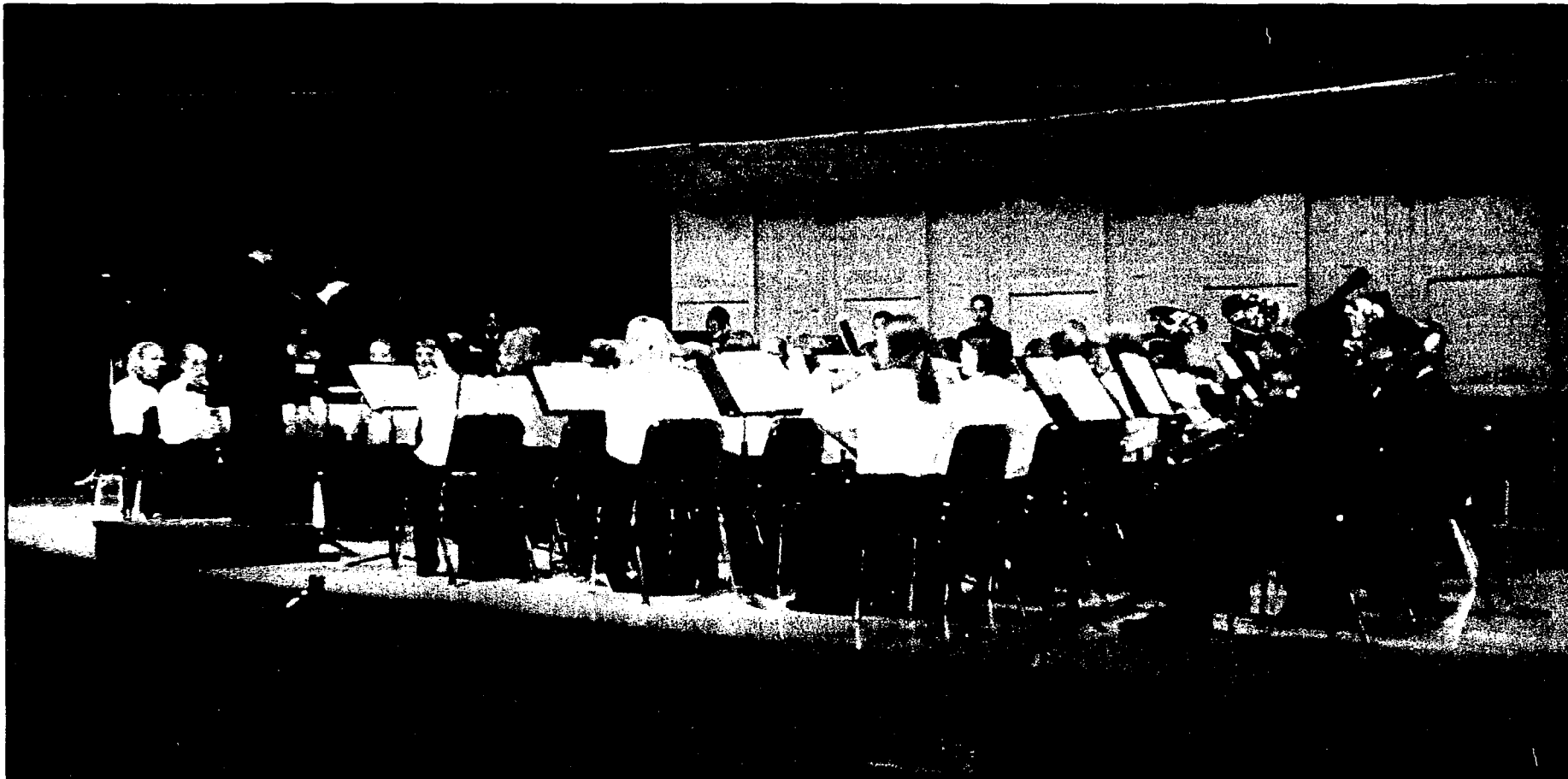


Grayling High School Band shares limelight with WMU

MUSIC FILLS THE AIR -

The Grayling High School Band, under the direction of Dennis Ormsbee, performed selections they will play at State Festival this spring. The concert was part of a Cultural Events performance, Thursday, February 18 in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium. The band played *Coat of Arms*, a concert march; *Satiric Dances*, from a comedy by Aristophanes; and *Rikudim*, Israeli folkdances. After the GHS Band was a performance of the Western Michigan University Symphonic Band in a rendition of *Toccata Marziale*, followed a three-song medley and three other selections, all under the direction of Dr. Robert L. Spradling.

Photo by Cheryl Ruley



Recycling center opens to all county residents

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The Grayling Township Board of Trustees agreed at their February 10 meeting to open the Township's recycling center to all county residents.

Township Supervisor Terry Wright said because Waste Management is no longer recycling at the Maple Forest Township landfill, he has received many requests from residents living outside of Grayling Township to accept recyclables or compost materials from any county resident.

The Board agreed to sell annual recycling passes to the other five townships and the City

of Grayling at the cost of \$10 each, allowing non-township residents to take full advantage of the recycling program. Each municipality must decide if they will provide free recycling to their residents or sell the passes to recoup costs.

Wright said that the Board felt the \$10 fee was necessary to cover administrative, labor, utility and other overhead costs of the added recycling and, "because Grayling Township residents cannot be expected to subsidize recycling services to non-residents."

A letter was sent out to the Supervisors of Lovells, Maple Forest, Frederic, Beaver Creek, and South Branch Townships, as well

as to Grayling City Manager, Jerry Morford informing them of the program established by the Grayling Township Board.

Beginning immediately, each municipality will be able to purchase calendar year passes, in blocks of 20, for their residents, allowing them unlimited recycling and composting privileges at the recycling center on North Down River Road.

Grayling Township will not sell passes directly to non-residents, they must obtain them from their township or city office, if participating. The passes will not be sold at the recycling center, either.

Enclosed with the letter, Wright included

information on what is accepted for recycling and composting at the center to help the Supervisors and the City Manager inform their residents.

Grayling City Manager Jerry Morford was unsure if the City will participate in the program. He said that the City already has curbside pick-up of recyclables, but the possibility remains that recycling could be negotiated out their of trash contract if deemed feasible.

Morford said that since recycling has ceased at the Waters landfill, recyclables are being hauled to Saginaw.

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Project Graduation Super Rummage Sale starts Friday

The Project Graduation Committee will hold its 1st Annual "Super" Rummage Sale, February 26 through 28, at the old Ben Franklin store next to Glen's. All proceeds go toward the Class of 1999's overnight event, providing safe and fun graduation night activities, as well as food and prizes.

Drunk snowmobilers may lose driver's license if bill passes

by Robert A. Reed
Capital News Service

Lansing - Snowmobile drivers who drink and drive would face stiffer punishment under a proposal in the Senate.

Sen. Harry Gast (R-St. Joseph), wants to make the penalties for operating a snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol the same as for driving a car while drinking.

Currently, alcohol-related snowmobile violations are misdemeanor offenses that don't affect an individual's driver's license. The maximum penalties are 90 days in jail, a \$500 fine, and up to 45 days of community service. Violators can also be barred from snowmobiling for up to six months.

Under Gast's bill, drunken snowmobilers could have points applied to their driver's licenses or have their licenses suspended or revoked.

Gast pointed to the risks associated with operating any vehicle while drinking.

Although most snowmobilers operate safely, the sheer number of people who travel to Michigan communities means that some will cause problems, he said. "They go into our small towns and get all liquored-up in some tavern or

saloon and then go out on the trails. That's when the accidents happen."

Crawford County Sheriff Dave Lovely agrees that a small portion of snowmobilers cause the majority

of accidents. "Ninety percent of our personal injury accidents involve alcohol or speed. Unfortunately,

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GPA needs your help to make Grayling beautiful

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) is once again at work for the good of the community.

The GPA has begun a campaign called the "Beautification of Grayling," an effort to make the town a place of beauty for all that live here and for those who are visiting or just passing through.

In this long-term beautification plan, GPA has a goal in 1999 to include the I-75 Business Loop, Uptown area, the City Park and the Crawford County Library.

Cooperation from area businesses and residents is a must for the plan to be successful. First, GPA says they will need the financial support of the community and appreciates any donation made toward the pro-

ject. Once flower planting and bed work begins, additional people will be needed to help create a colorful and welcoming display at targeted sites.

The GPA is also asking anyone who might be dividing their perennial plants or bulbs, and have extras, the project welcomes them.

In addition, anyone who has access to flowers, small flowering bushes, shrubs or bulbs for donation should contact Tina Hamilton at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, 348-2921, to make a donation.

Ideas and suggestions for this spring project are welcomed by GPA at the same phone number and anyone interested in participating should also contact the Chamber.

Area dancers raise funds for future competitions



AT YOUR SERVICE -

Students of the Louise Tournaud School of Dance in Grayling who are also members of the school's Competitive Dance Team, served up a delicious spaghetti dinner on Saturday February 20 at the American Legion Hall in Grayling. The dancers are raising money to help defray the expenses of traveling to various dance competitions this year. Their next competition will take place in Cleveland, Ohio and will cost some dancers and their families over \$200 in travel and entry fees. Shown here is Betty Madsen, left, being served a piping hot plate of spaghetti by her granddaughter, Shayla Moore. An industrious parents' group put together the dinner, and a bake sale at Glen's the same day, after realizing that the girls needed some help with their expenses and didn't want any dancers left behind.

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Several Crawford County projects planned MDOT reveals 5-Year Road and Bridge Program

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) recently released a report of its "Five Year Road and Bridge Program: 1999-2003," which lists numerous construction and improvement projects being planned in the state of Michigan.

MDOT Director James R. DeSana has called the program "the most aggressive road and bridge repair program" in the department's history.

"All transportation improvements included in this plan are prioritized based on need, and we're concentrating on the worst roads and bridges first," said DeSana. "Our balanced program includes a combination of long term fixes (reconstruction), intermediate fixes (resurfacing), an aggressive capital preventative maintenance program, and routine maintenance of the state highway system."

Several road and bridge projects for Crawford County are listed in the Five Year Program, including some I-75 resurfacing and work on area bridges.

One of the biggest projects in the area, which is slated for the year 2000, is expanding the merge lane on southbound I-75 from M-72 to Four Mile Road, creating a third lane for that section of the expressway (2.7 miles). MDOT says that "this project will improve safety and reduce delays to motorists entering I-75."

This construction project is part of MDOT's desire to eliminate "choke points," or areas that can disrupt smooth traffic flow and cause congestion.

The department estimates the cost of the project at \$1.5 million.

The North Down River Road/I-75 full-service interchange was also listed in the Five Year Program. The "early preliminary engineering" is scheduled to be completed in 1999. The engineering is intended "to determine need for new ramps at this location."

According to MDOT, "this is a High Priority project as designated by (federal transportation bill) TEA-21."

Another maintenance project planned for I-75 is resurfacing of the expressway from the Roscommon County line to the US-27 junction. This project is scheduled for 2002.

Bridges listed in the Five Year Program include: the I-75 bridge over the East Branch of the AuSable (2000), the I-75 bridge over Lewiston Grade Road (2000), and the I-75 bridge under County Road 612 (2002).

MDOT is also planning a study to examine the need for improvements to M-72 West.

"Capital preventative maintenance projects, programmed annually, are also anticipated for a significant number of pavements that do not yet require more extensive repairs, to improve the condition and extend the life of those pavements," according to the Five Year Program report.

Recycling center opens to all county residents

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Grayling Township residents who have already purchased a 1999 compactor sticker have full recycling privileges and need not purchase a recycling sticker.

Grayling Township residents who do not use the compactor, but would like to take advantage of the award-winning recycling program may obtain an annual recycling sticker at no cost from the township hall.

Non-residents may not buy a compactor sticker, but may participate in the recycling and compost program if their township or city participates.

"We hope this program will satisfy the recycling needs of all county residents and that all townships and the City of Grayling will participate," said Wright. "Recycling can vastly reduce the amount of reusable items going to the landfill and littering the landscape."

Recycling passes will begin to be honored at the center on Tuesday, March 2 and will be valid throughout 1999.

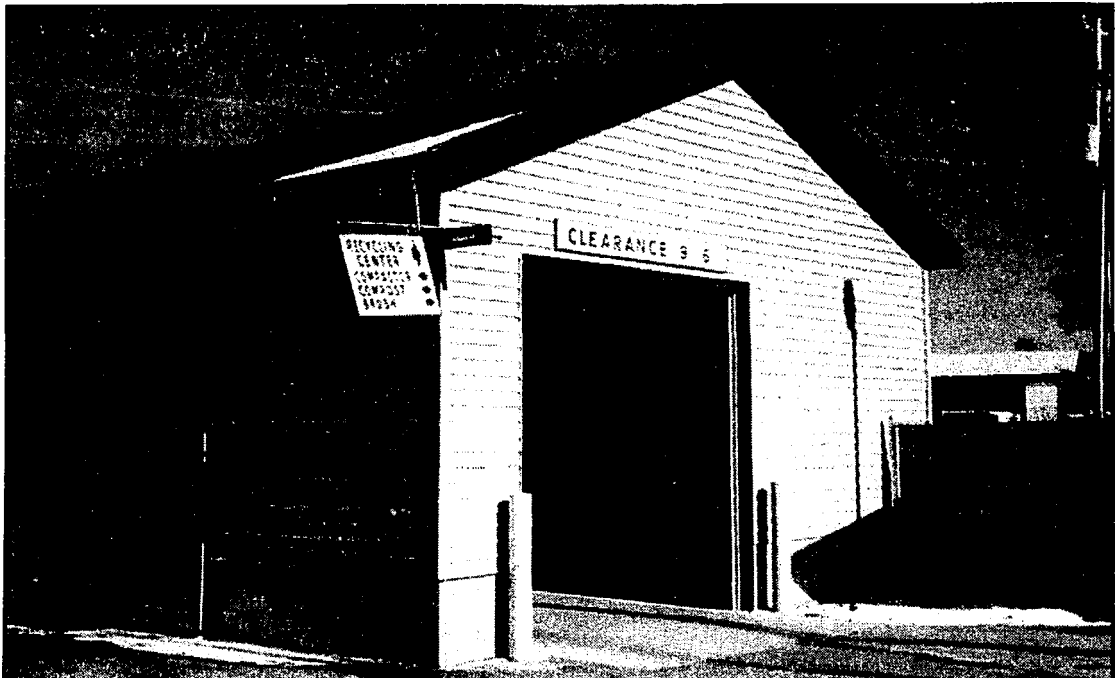


Photo by Cheryl Ruley

RECYCLING CENTER – The Grayling Township Recycling Center is now available for use by all county residents, if their township or the City of Grayling participates in the new program offered by the Grayling Township Board. The county-wide program begins March 2.

Fire departments to conduct fire safety programs for school children again

Grayling Fire Chief Dean Goss and Frederic Fire Chief Dennis Wallace announced their department's continuing commitment to fire prevention.

As part of this commitment, the departments are organizing their Fire and Burn Safety Program for the children of Grayling and Frederic.

Over 950 youngsters, ages five through 12, will receive educational fire prevention materials created and geared to each specific age level.

This comprehensive program includes fire safety guidebooks that contain 24 activity pages designed by educators to stimulate the child's awareness and independent thinking about the everyday fire hazards he or she may encounter.

Various other fire safety booklets, posters, and brochures are made available to encourage the prevention of destructive fires, painful burns, disfiguring injuries and needless death.

Bob Koch of the National Fire Safety Council, Inc. (NFSC) will be helping local fire fighters in planning and delivering programs to the school children. Koch is the Area Fire Safety Coordinator of the NFSC, a federal tax-exempt non-profit organization under the Internal Revenue Service Code of 501C-3 and all contributions are tax-deductible.

Both the Frederic Township and Grayling City/Township Fire Departments are in the process of mailing sponsor request letters explaining the entire program to area business, industrial and professional leaders, asking for their financial support to help cover the cost of materials used by the department.

Chiefs Goss and Wallace stress to prospective sponsors that this is the only program of this type the two departments will be conducting this year. Should any other person solicit for support, especially by phone or in person, and does not have a letter from either Fire Chief, to please contact either fire department immediately.

Drunk snowmobilers may lose driver's license if bill passes

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when we run across them it's usually after there has already been an accident."

Lovely said he believes stricter law enforcement would cut down on the problem. "We don't have the money for it, so the only way is to increase the penalties and put the points on their driver's licenses. Hopefully, they'll abide by it."

Mike Eme, of Gaylord Rental and Sales which rents snowmobiles, supports the legislation. He believes most operators are safe, but contends many don't take safety seriously enough. "The snowmobiler has got just as much responsibility as driving a car. They need to be very alert."

The legislation might help, agrees Lt. Tom Malle, of the Marquette County Sheriff's Department. "We've had a lot of snowmobile accidents in the U.P. this year, and about 50 percent of them were alcohol related. I think people would think twice if it would affect their driver's license, although I'm sure there are some who wouldn't care."

Gast's bill is awaiting action in a Senate committee.

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Stage Door opens at Interlochen

The backstage theatre classic, *Stage Door*, with its mix of laughter and tears, highlights the week of March 1 at Interlochen Center for the Arts.

Stage Door will be performed March 5-7 by Interlochen's theatre arts students.

Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and the Sunday matinee will be performed at 2 p.m. in the Phoenix Theatre. Please note this is a change of venue for this production.

The classic Edna Ferber - George S. Kaufman comedy/drama follows the hopes and dreams of a group of aspiring young actresses, set in a Depression-era New York City boarding house.

This is a showcase for female acting talent and the classic 1937 film version featured the young Katharine Hepburn, Ginger Rogers, Lucille Ball, Ann Miller and Eve Arden.

This is the theatrical directorial debut for Tom Bewley, Director of Admissions at Interlochen.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for seniors and students 18 and under. Call Interlochen's Box office at (616) 276-6230 for tickets or more information.



Cast members of *Stage Door*

KCC performing arts receives grant

Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts announced that it was among a select group of

Midwest presenter chosen to receive a 1998-99 Heartland Arts Fund Grant.

This award will support an upcoming performance of Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theater's production of *Rip Van Winkle* at Kirtland Community College on March 5. Bit's 'N Pieces company members will be involved in residencies in local schools.

The Heartland Arts Fund, a joint venture of regional arts organizations, Arts Midwest and Mid-America Arts Alliance, serves a 15-state region and helps presenters of music, theater, opera, and dance introduce professional artists from outside their home states to local

audiences.

The Heartland Arts Fund received more than 500 applications for the 1998-99 season of which 323 received funding for a total of over \$630,000 of funds designated.

David J. Fraher, Kirtland Arts Fund Chairman, said, "Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts is to be commended for their commitment to serving their community with this distinctive event. Audiences in Michigan will have the opportunity to see the exciting work of Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theater, and the Heartland Arts Fund is proud to help support this work and the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts."

Sixteen in-school, hands-on workshops are scheduled for March 1 - 4. On those days, a professional artist will facilitate in-depth workshops at different schools. On Friday, March 5, Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theater will present three performances of *Rip Van Winkle*.

The Heartland Arts Fund enables individuals and families throughout America's heartland to share in and enjoy the arts and culture of our region and the world. The fund works in partnership with private and public arts supporters including corporations, the region's fifteen state arts agencies and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Wild turkey count complete

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has completed the 1998-99 Winter Turkey Census.

The annual count is made possible through the work of DNR officials, as well as much-appreciated citizens' sightings and reports.

All three counties in the census recorded higher totals than last year when weather made it difficult to census turkeys.

Crawford County's total was 1,211 turkeys compared to the 1997-98 total of 1,179.

Oscoda County reported 2,324 turkeys this year compared to 1,167 last year.

Alcona County had reports totalling 3,449 turkeys, up from 1,600 for 1997-98.

Any questions concerning this census or other surveys may contact Dan Soultis of the Mio Wildlife Division Office at (517) 826-3211.

Representatives here to discuss state and federal issues

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Citizens will have a chance this Friday, February 26 to ask questions about any state or federal issues when congressional representatives come to Grayling.

From 11 a.m. to 12 noon, Tarin Eisenga, a representative from Republican Congressman Dave Camp's office will be meeting with constituents at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Eisenga will discuss any federal issue or matter with area residents at the Chamber building located on James Street, adjacent to the City Park. If you are unable to attend, but wish to discuss a federal matter, please call 1-800-342-2455.

Later that day, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., State Rep. Ken Bradstreet (R-Grayling) will be meeting with constituents to discuss state and local issues at the Crawford County Library, also on James Street in Grayling.

Bradstreet said no appointment is necessary and he is eager to hear the concerns of local residents.

For more information or if you are unable to attend and have a question for the state lawmaker, please call toll-free 1-877-KEN-4-105.

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Surplus offers a pleasant quandary

TIME ONCE more for one of our infrequent strolls, barefoot among the potpourri....

PUZZLEMENT – What do we do with a \$4.4 trillion federal surplus? That's a rare but happy quandary for America's decision makers.

Democrats say they want to do the responsible thing and shore up our existing obligations to Social Security and Medicare, and then -- yes, we heard right -- start reducing the national debt.

Republicans want a tax cut, which would reduce national revenue, and not worry about Social Security and Medicare.

Time was, Republicans never saw a government debt they didn't want to reduce and eliminate, Democrats never saw one they didn't want to increase.

What's going on here? Democrats the party of responsible money handling? Republicans the party of shirking existing obligations (including debt reduction) in

favor of wanton distribution of federal resources?

Meanwhile, here in Michigan, conservative, small government, localist Gov. John Engler pushes a plan to thwart the will of the people, loosen voter control of schools, and create more layers of distant government to control local education.

Big city Democrats, most directly affected by the Engler push, want local control, less bureaucracy, smaller governance.

It makes you wonder who's who in American politics anymore.

Maybe we're undergoing that long-heralded realignment of political parties.

Or it could be a simple case of situational political ethics.

NATION'S BUSINESS – An enduring mantra during the entire impeachment has been to "get on with the nation's business."

President Clinton pleaded at every opportunity -- during depositions, during apologies, during congressional actions -- that he

wanted only to "get on with the nation's business."

During impeachment in the House, members pleaded to "get on with the nation's business."

Senators did the same after the acquittal -- "get on with the nation's business."

While the President and Congress were tied up with other matters, "the nation's business" seems to be doing pretty well.

Maybe they should continue to stay away from "getting on with the nation's business," and the nation might do even better.

TWO-WAY PARTISANSHIP -- Republicans took the heaviest media, political and pollster heat for partisanship in the whole impeachment chapter, proved by their slavish party-line votes against Mr. Clinton in both House and Senate.

But partisanship is a two-way street. Democrats have been just as partisan in their slavish party-line votes on Mr. Clinton's side.

Seems to me the impeachment mess reflected the basic political pattern in the nation.

About 40 percent of Americans are Republican, about 40 percent Democrats and the 20 percent in the middle are independents, ticket-splitters, or hands-off citizens.

Same for impeachment. About 40 percent wanted Mr. Clinton out, 40 percent were diehard to keep him in, and the floating 20 percent sided with the pro-Clinton diehards just to get it over with.

By the time the next election rolls around, normalcy should return, with the 20 percent in the middle still swinging the results.

FLYING DUCKS -- "Corrections" columns in newspapers, where publication mistakes are admitted and explained, can be interesting.

Here's a correction notice in a recent Detroit Free Press:

"A Thursday headline about ducks sleep-

ing with one eye open should have made clear they do that while not flying."

Okay. Apology accepted. That little gem of knowledge is a real eye-opener.

NUTS & JOLTS -- Some column closing Nuts & Jolts from the humor of the late Hod Shewell:

-- Elected officials are sworn in, and then cussed out.

-- A turtle crossing the road in the Upper Peninsula this time of year has a good chance of making it.

-- Fatigue is something your feet won't stand for.

-- What most older folks have against the younger generation is that they're no longer part of it.

-- A good politician never forgets a name -- he's probably been called a lot of them.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Local New Life director states 'real issue at hand'

To the editor,

It is unfortunate that Mr. Reed, in his February 4 article, "FIA Director..." missed the opportunity to bring the facts of a local issue to the readers of *The Avalanche*.

His apparent inexperience and desire for sensationalism led him to misquote me and take comments out of context.

The real issue at hand is that instead of allowing local communities to fund programs to meet a local need with the Strong Families-Safe Children program, the state has taken over some of these contracts. And, the state contract requirements are more than the state agencies themselves can handle.

New Life Community Service decided not to sign this proposed state contract at that time. This was not due to the payment rate, even though this is the lowest of any of our grants and state agencies. This was not due to the staffing issues, as we said we would consider meeting this point.

The real sticking point of the contract is that all counseling clients under this contract would have to open a case at FIA - something that even the local FIA said they could not do.

Therefore, the loss of funding was not due to New Life's refusal to abide by requirements, it was due to the state imposing requirements that even the local FIA could

not meet.

The point that the local FIA has been tremendously supportive was not even mentioned, although I told Mr. Reed this repeatedly.

Also, while the article stated that New Life had "dropped" ten to 12 clients, this is not so.

Each of the clients was given a choice of continuing with us and paying the copayment based on a sliding fee, or continuing their treatment elsewhere. We are not in the practice of "dropping" clients. We sincerely care about each of our clients.

This is reflected in our client satisfaction data from last year, where we received an overall average rating of 3.7 out of 4. This translates into a staggering 92 percent satisfaction rate. Mr. Reed apparently overlooked this point.

New Life continually gets calls from community members in need of services who will not go anywhere else for counseling. Certainly, the community supports us and believes in our high quality services.

We stand committed to the residents of Crawford County, and will continue with our high quality care in the community, regardless of what Lansing-based State employees or reporters say. Thank you Crawford County. God Bless.

Jeffery Hawkins, Director
New Life Community Service
Grayling

High school tour was not enough

To the editor,

I wish to commend Mr. Allman for taking the time to tour Grayling High School. However, a brief tour may not reveal the many problems present in our high school building.

Students like me who spend seven to nine hours a day, five days a week in this building are aware of the needs for renovation.

The roof on the school is badly in need of repair. Recently in the auditorium, garbage pails were needed on the stage to keep the floor from getting wet. In class last week, I watched a student get her paper wet from water falling onto the desk.

On rainy days or during a snow melt, buckets and trays litter the halls in an attempt to contain leaks.

Evidence of leaks can be seen on ceiling tiles around the school. A person touring the school needs to be there after a rainfall or during a snow melt.

A second problem not apparent on a solitary walk through the school is the heating and ventilating system. Temperatures between some classes may vary more than ten degrees.

For example, the biology room is located next to doors leading to the outside which makes the room quite cold. Cold drafts that come into the room make a coat a virtual necessity. I often find my arms turning purple due to the lack of heat.

Last week in my Spanish class, students had to be moved to different seats because cold air was coming

out of the radiator which is supposed to produce warm air. It was like an air conditioner in the middle of winter. Fortunately, there were empty seats due to student absences. Old ventilators also make it difficult to hear in certain classrooms.

Although halls may look spacious and uncrowded while classes are in session, a person needs to experience the congestion in the halls as students go from class to class. Attempting to go from one side of the school to another is a long, cramped experience since one must compete with 650 other students for space. However, this cannot be seen unless one experiences it.

Students at Grayling High School have a 25-minute lunch period. Half of this lunchtime is taken up by waiting in the hot lunch line to receive food. Students in "B" lunch have their class time interrupted by lunch due to the need for three lunch periods. The usual two lunch periods do not service 650 students because there is limited cafeteria space.

Our cafeteria is not only a lunchroom during the school day, but also a sports facility after school. Wrestlers drag practice mats to and from storage space into the cafeteria each day. Anyone who has been around a sport sweat odors involved. These conditions are not appropriate for a public eating area.

A large gym facility is definitely needed to accommodate not only wrestlers, but also both girls' and boys' sport teams. When Grayling High School was built in the early 70's, girls' sports were virtually non-

existent.

The auditorium curtain which serves as a wall between the auditorium and the cafeteria/wrestling area/cheerleading area is inadequate. The curtain no longer provides an effective sound barrier. Any use of the auditorium is difficult because of the activities that take place in the cafeteria.

In addition, there is virtually no backstage space in the auditorium which makes it very difficult to store props, costumes or stage sets during a play or musical. Costume changes are always conducted in nearby classrooms and it is not possible to keep costumes in a classroom.

During *Anything Goes* last November, myself and some other performers had to store our many costumes in a cramped music storage closet. Conducting a performance is also very difficult while travelogues and many other cultural events share the auditorium facilities because there is no place to store stage equipment. Additions to the auditorium are definitely necessary.

To receive a true picture of the needs at Grayling High School, one must take a tour after a rainstorm, experience a lunch hour, witness the crowded conditions as students go from class to class, or observe extracurricular activities that go on after school. One should follow a student's footsteps for a day in order to see how much the school needs repairs and to see what the conditions are really like at Grayling High School.

Gina Rosi
Grayling

Funds needed for planning commissioners' expenses

To the editor,

I read with dismay your story concerning the County's 1999 Salary and Wage schedule adopted on January 20.

We planning and zoning commissioners on the Crawford County Planning and Zoning Commission are operating with essentially little or no budgeted funds from the County Commissioners. There seems to be funding for the County Commissioners to attend out-of-county meetings, conferences and seminars.

Planning, for all intents and purposes, takes a back burner in this county. We have asked for funds, but have received no funding for education and training or attending seminars and conferences out-of-county. We are citizen volunteers from various parts of the county faced with multi-million dollar development from out of state. Forest Dunes itself could easily approach the billion dollar denomination.

We have county commissioners attend our monthly meetings, but the essential role of the planning commission is research and development in advising the county commissioners, developing a Master Plan for the county and a much wider range of roles and responsibilities, such as informing the public about planning and developing community policies

and procedures related to the physical growth of the community.

We are mandated statutory authority by the County Planning Act - 282 PA 1945. We are a function of government, handicapped by little or no funding by the county commissioners. Some communities have decided to conduct their own planning and zoning functions on the township level. This is also statutory mandated by the Township Planning Act - 168 PA 1939.

The State of Michigan has given these options to us so that we may have something to say about the quality of life in our communities, protect the environment, balance the interests of all and provide for a long term vision of our community that we the citizens choose through the fair and consistent review of development proposals.

I recently attended training for new Planning and Zoning Commissioners conducted by the Michigan Society of Planning Officials. I had to pay for this myself plus lose an electrician's day's pay. We ask for only adequate funding that we will permit us to conduct our statutory mandated function of county government.

Theodore P. Gomez
Crawford County Planning and
Zoning Commission
Frederic

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Un-cleared sidewalks are a growing problem

To the editor,

Last week's article concerning the City and sidewalk snow removal prompted a letter I have thought of writing for some years.

As a homeowner in the City of Grayling, I believe it is the property owner's responsibility to keep their sidewalk clear.

The U.S. Postal Service can refuse mail delivery to people who have unsafe sidewalks for the letter carriers. Why shouldn't that same courtesy be extended for all the citizens of our community? Our children and elderly are forced to walk in the streets.

With the growth and increase of traffic in our city, the situation has

become even more unsafe for pedestrians and drivers alike. The pedestrian may walk one block, then be forced out into the street when they come to an un-cleared area. Meanwhile, the drivers are automatically forced to avoid hitting the pedestrians.

With slippery conditions during these winter months, it is a growing problem.

I agree with Councilwoman D.J. Brown when she states that the City may have to start enforcing shoveling ordinances on the safety issue alone.

Lillian Wolf
A concerned citizen
Grayling

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BRIEFS

GHS needs to be discussed again

The Crawford AuSable School Board is inviting the public to discuss solutions to the infrastructure needs of Grayling High School at another public meeting on Wednesday, March 3 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Frederic Township Hall.

Master Gardeners next meeting March 8

The Master Gardener Society will meet on Monday, March 8 to share catalogs and magazines with each other. Join the group to decide on the best places from which to order, and discuss selections. Bring catalogs and magazines if you have any. The group will be meeting from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Lyon Township Hall and everyone is welcome. Advanced Master Gardener Barb Bischoff will be the facilitator for the evening. Call (517) 275-5832 for more information.

Michelson Memorial to host luncheon

An all-you-can-eat soup, sandwich, salad and dessert luncheon will be hosted by the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church on Thursday, March 4, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the church. Cost is \$4.50 per person and take-outs are available. Everyone is welcome.

Retired state employees' to meet

The regular meeting of North Central Area Chapter 19, State Employee Retirees Association will be held Tuesday, March 2 at the Houghton Lake Community Building, beginning at 2 p.m. Karen Slade, Home Service Coordinator for Roscommon County, will speak on the Medicare-plus Program. All retired employees and their spouses are encouraged to attend.

Junior Miss is Kiwanis guest speaker

Brandi McClain, the new Miss Grayling 1999 Junior Miss will be the guest speaker at the regular Monday noon meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling at Shoppenagon's Inn on March 1. The regular meeting starts at 12:10 p.m. and the program starts about 12:30 p.m. Guests are welcome.

Substance abuse board to meet

The next regular meeting of the Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services Board of Directors will be held on Monday, March 1 beginning at 10 a.m. in the Baraga Meeting Room at their offices at 1665 West M-32, Marquette Building in Gaylord. For an agenda and details, please call (517) 732-1791. Braille materials, readers and interpreters for the hearing impaired are available.

Shortage prompts another blood drive

There will be a Grayling Community Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, March 3 from 12 noon to 5:45 p.m. at the Grayling American Legion. Once again, there is a significant shortage of blood.

Seniors are welcome and there will be nurses available to answer questions. You must be 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds to give blood.

At the January blood drive, the

following people donated for the first time: Sharon Bly, Beverly Dierolf, Ronald Herron, Kelli McClerran, Glenn McDaniel Jr., Cindy Merchand, and Helen Spencer.

Gallon pins were presented as follows: One gallon - Ron Rakoczy; Two gallons - Allison Tinker; Three gallons - Timothy Swope; Six gallons - Margaret Drouillard; Ten gallons - Larry Domicik and Dan Baker.

Spirit Week begins at GMS

Spirit Week at Grayling Middle School will kick-off on Friday, February 26. That day there will be a dress-up contest and an assembly.

From March 1-5 there will also be dress-up days and contests between Viking Time groups and grade levels.

The theme for the week is "Hollywood." The activities for the week are designed to boost spirits through the winter

blasts and serve community and school.

There will be a food drive for the Crawford County Christian Community Help Center and funds will be raised for media center materials and equipment.

The community is asked to please help out if a Mr. or Miss Viking contestant requests a donation. Donations may also be directed to school librarian Bea Patrick.

Milltown Follies returns in 1999

Citizens from Crawford and the surrounding areas, including Roscommon and Oscoda counties, are sewing costumes and practicing their singing and dancing for the 1999 Milltown Follies.

The Follies will be held on Friday, April 16, in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School.

The performance will be the

sixth for the Follies. The first show was held in 1993, and there was no show last year.

Participants are needed for this year's Milltown Follies, especially singers. Practices are being held on Thursday nights at the Senior Center.

Anyone interested in participating, or for more information, please call 348-9543 or 348-4119.



FOLLIES PERFORMERS -- Participants from past Milltown Follies gather and show off their costumes. The Follies will be back this year, and organizers are looking for more people to join in the fun.

Red Cross offers First Aid courses

The American Red Cross Northern Lower Michigan Chapter will be conducting instructor and individual first aid certification courses in March.

The Community First Aid and Safety course will be held on Tuesday, March 9, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Thursday, March 11, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The fee for this course is \$35 and includes a manual. The course instructs and certifies individuals in Adult, Infant and Child CPR, and Community First Aid.

The class will be held at the Red Cross office at 810 S. Otsego, Suite 111 in Gaylord.

The Red Cross will also be holding its Community First Aid and Safety Instructor course.

The course will be held Friday, March 26 from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, March 27 from 2 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; and Sunday,

March 28 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This course will also be held at the Gaylord office. Fee for the course is \$75.

With successful completion of this course, instructors may achieve authorization in Adult CPR, Infant and Child CPR, Community CPR, Standard First Aid and Community First Aid and Safety.

Individuals may also become authorized instructors in numerous other disciplines after completion of this course.

If you are interested in making a difference in the lives of others or possibly instruct them to save a life, this is a course that you won't want to miss.

For registration or more information on either of these or any Red Cross courses, please call (517) 732-7161 or 1-800-691-6059.

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THURS 25	• TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. For more information call Joanne 348-4416. • MINIMAL FEE BLOOD PRESSURE & BLOOD SUGAR SCREENINGS @ Commission on Aging, 11 am to 12 noon. • GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ Grayling City Hall, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. • SINGLES OF ROSCOMMON-CRAWFORD area will meet at "Fred's" in Roscommon on Thursday, February 25, 1999 at 6 p.m. Bring a friend - if needed call Betty 821-8529.
FRI 26	• GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
SAT 27	• PROMISE KEEPERS BREAKFAST - Location to be announced call Fred Albers, 348-7695.
SUN 28	• GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. • ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 1	• KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Shoppenagon's Inn, 12 noon. • GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm @ Frederic Township Hall. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
TUES 2	• GPA MEETING @ Spike's 12 noon. • GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. • AUSABLE RIVER CANOE MARATHON joint meeting @ Mio AuSable Restaurant, 7:00 p.m. • ADHD PARENT'S SUPPORT GROUP MEETING 615 S. Elm, Gaylord, 7:00 p.m. Call (517) 732-3529 for more information.
WED 3	• ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. • WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. • GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. • AUSABLE QUILT GUILD meeting @ St. John's Church, 10 a.m.

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The Bible Speaks

Happiness

Are you happy? What makes you happy? Where do you seek happiness? Your answer to these questions reveals your hope in life. Many people seek their pleasures in sin. Some people seek happiness in a bottle or pill. Some seek happiness in an affair. We live in a day when people reward each other and rejoice in sinful pride and wickedness. (Malachi 3:15) But sinful pleasures are seasonable, and the end leads eventually to sadness, sickness, and death. (Heb. 11:25, Romans 6:23)

Many sick people seek happiness in the simple things of life. Some people rejoice with the wife of their youth. (Pro. 5:18) Others treat her treacherously and break their covenant with her. (Mal. 2:14). Some seek happiness in their children. (Psalms 127:4,5). Others provoke their children to wrath. (Eph. 6:4). Some seek happiness in their work. (Eccl. 2:24). Some seek happiness in the wisdom of education. (Pro. 3:13). Some seek happiness in helping the poor. (Pro. 14:21). These are normal blessings of life which should bring happiness to our lives. But these forms of happiness are temporary and will end at death.

There is a supreme form of happiness which we can share for all time

and eternity. (Psalms 146:5) "Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God." If our help, our hope, and our happiness is in our Lord, then we are eternally happy. God is the God of marriage and the home. (Gen 2:18) God is the one who gives us children. (Psa 127:3). God created us to work. (Gen 2:5). The fear of the Lord is the beginning of true wisdom. (Psa 111:10; Pro 1:7; 9:10; 15:33). Helping the poor is part of God's plan. (Pro 14:31; 19:17; 22:9) Even earthly happiness is a gift of God.

But God's happiness reaches beyond personal blessings of this life. We are even made happy as a nation when we as people trust God. (Psalms 144:15) "Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD." We are happy even when God corrects us. (Job 5:17) We are happy when we suffer for righteousness' sake. (1 Pet 3:14). We are happy when we are reproached for glorifying Christ. (1 Peter 4:14) Even as people around us perish with no vision, we remain happy who keep God's law. (Pro 29:18). We are made even happier for doing or obeying God's law than just for knowing it. (John 13:17)

But our greatest happiness is knowing we are saved and possess eternal life. Jesus said, (Luke 10:20) "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." Do you realize how important it is to have your name written in Heaven? (Revelation 20:15) "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." (1 John 5:12-13) "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. {13} These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life...." All true happiness is found only in our Lord Jesus Christ!

Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

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Church hosts World Day of Prayer

Christians in over 170 countries around the world will gather on Friday, March 5, in observance of the 1999 World Day of Prayer Service.

In Grayling, the service will be sponsored by the Women of St. John Lutheran Church ELCA and held at the church located at 710 Spruce Street, at 1 p.m. that day.

Begun in 1887, World Day of Prayer brings together women of various races, cultures, and Christian traditions in informed prayer and prayerful action.

Since 1941, this program has been sponsored in the United States by Church Women United, a grassroots ecumenical movement of Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian women.

This year's service, written by Christian women of Venezuela, focuses on the theme, "God's Tender Touch," and celebrates the gift of God's love.

The writers give thanks for the abundance of natural resources in

their native country, while challenging the global community to become more aware of needs that still exist among Venezuela's poor.

All Christian women of our community are invited to attend. It is a most rewarding hour of fellowship.

DISTRICT HEALTH DEPT. 10

District Health Department No. 10 has scheduled the following clinics for the Grayling office.

Appointments are either recommended or required for all clinics and can be made by calling 348-7800.

Information is available on foot care, maternal support and environmental health services.

Immunization Clinic - March 3, 8, 17 and 22.

Breast & Cervical Cancer Screenings: March 4 - Call 1-800-968-7300 to schedule an appointment. This program is available to women ages 40-64 who have no health insurance.

Family Planning: March 2. Premarital Education Class: March 9 and 17.

WIC Supplemental Food Program for pregnant women, infants and

children: March 8, 15, 17, 22 and 25. Frederic Satellite Clinic: March 19.

HIV/AIDS Testing (Confidential): March 10 and 24.

Maternal Support Service of Pregnant Women: March 11.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training Session: Quarterly - March 10. Available at the Cadillac office only. Call (616) 775-9942 for an appointment.

A new program is available called Coronary Risk Profile. This is a total Cholesterol screening (HDL, LDL, Triglycerides, Glucose and Blood Pressure). The cost is \$25 per person, offered twice a year, by appointment only. The Grayling Health Department will be offering the screenings on April 30 and August 6. Call for an appointment now.

Church Directory

Not By Sight Alone

The setting sun paints a moving kaleidoscope of color across the sky. We can often see shades of peach, purple, pink and pewter. Yet, in the time it takes to write these words, many people around the world will lose their sight.

Blindness is a condition that none of us would choose, yet with training and faith in the ability of the human body and spirit to adapt and compensate, those that are blind can learn to "see" using the sensitivity of their fingertips.

Certainly, we cannot count on any physical ability or attribute to remain unblemished, for at best the physical body is only temporary. Yet, the spirit is eternal. Thus, we must remember the importance of the health of the spirit.

As we regularly exercise and nourish our body, we must make our spirit fit with regular weekly prayer and praise at our local church or synagogue. We read in 2 Corinthians 5:7, "for we walk by faith, not by sight."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalms 91	Hosea 1:1-2:1	Hosea 2:2-3:1	Hosea 3:1-5:1	Hosea 6:1-11:1	Hosea 12:1-14:1	Deuteronomy 6:1-9:1

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Pastor Jeffrey Jagers
400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974

Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School: Sept. - May: 9:45 to 10:45
Sunday Radio Ministry: 8 am, 101.1 WQON
Coffee Fellowship: 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.): 10 am

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor Jeff Arthur
Phone 348-4033

Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (last building on right inside camp entrance).
Church Service: 9:30 am
Sabbath School: 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting Tues: 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School: 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church: 11 am
Sunday Evening Service: 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting: 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 pm
Thursday Discipleship Class: 7 pm
Significant Singles Monday: 7 pm
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Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
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Sunday School: 9:30 am
Morning Worship: 10:30 am
Evening Service: 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children: 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament: 10 am
Sunday School: 11 am
Primary: 11 am
Priesthood: 12 noon
Relief Society: 12 noon

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
Pastor, James Briney
3474 West Park Road
Sunday Worship: 11 am
Adult and Youth Sunday School: 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Morning Worship: 11 am
Evening Worship: 6 pm
Wednesday: 7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
Pastor Robert Faber
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348-5224
Sunday School: 9:15 am
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Pastor Patricia Fowler
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Preaching: 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer: 7 pm

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
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Sunday School: 9:45 am
Morning Worship: 11 am
Evening Service: 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
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Saturday Vigil Mass: 6 pm
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Wed. Prayer & Bible Study: 7 pm
Blessing Radio (internet): <http://blessing-radio.com>

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Morning Worship: 10:30 am
Evening Worship: 6 pm
Mid-Week Services
Wednesday: 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.): 7 pm

Church of Christ
Larry Turner, Minister
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-4388
Sunday Classes: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 11:15 am
Sunday Evening: 6 pm
Wednesday
Mid-Week Bible Study: 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School: 9 am
Sunday Service: 10 am

The Church of Christ with the Eliza Message
Pastor Dohn E. Weaver
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic
Sunday Worship: 10 am & 7 pm
Wed. Prayer Service: 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St. • 348-5325
Sunday School: 10 am
Sunday Worship: 11 am & 6:30 pm
Wednesday Evening: 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
Affiliated with S.B.C.
Pastor Terry Colby
Meeting at Hanson Hills • 348-2557
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Morning Worship: 11 am
Evening Service: 6 pm
Wednesday Service: 7 pm

Harvest Time Church of God
Pastor Fred Coates
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska
(616) 258-3448
Sunday School: 10 am
Worship Service: 11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour and Prayer
Wednesday: 7 pm

Lovelis Chapel
Pastor Rev. D. Dean Coursey
Sunday School: 10 am
Chapel Service: 11 am
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 7-8 pm

Free Methodist
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Evening Service: 6 pm
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Bible Study & Sunday School: 9:15 am
Tuesday Night School: 5:30 p.m.

St. Francis Episcopal
Rev. Robert Henley
M-72 West - Office 348-5850
Sunday Holy Eucharist: 8:30 & 10:30 am
Morning Praise: 10:30 am
(the second Sunday of each month)
Adult & Children's Sunday School: 9:30 am
Sunday nursery provided: 10:30 am
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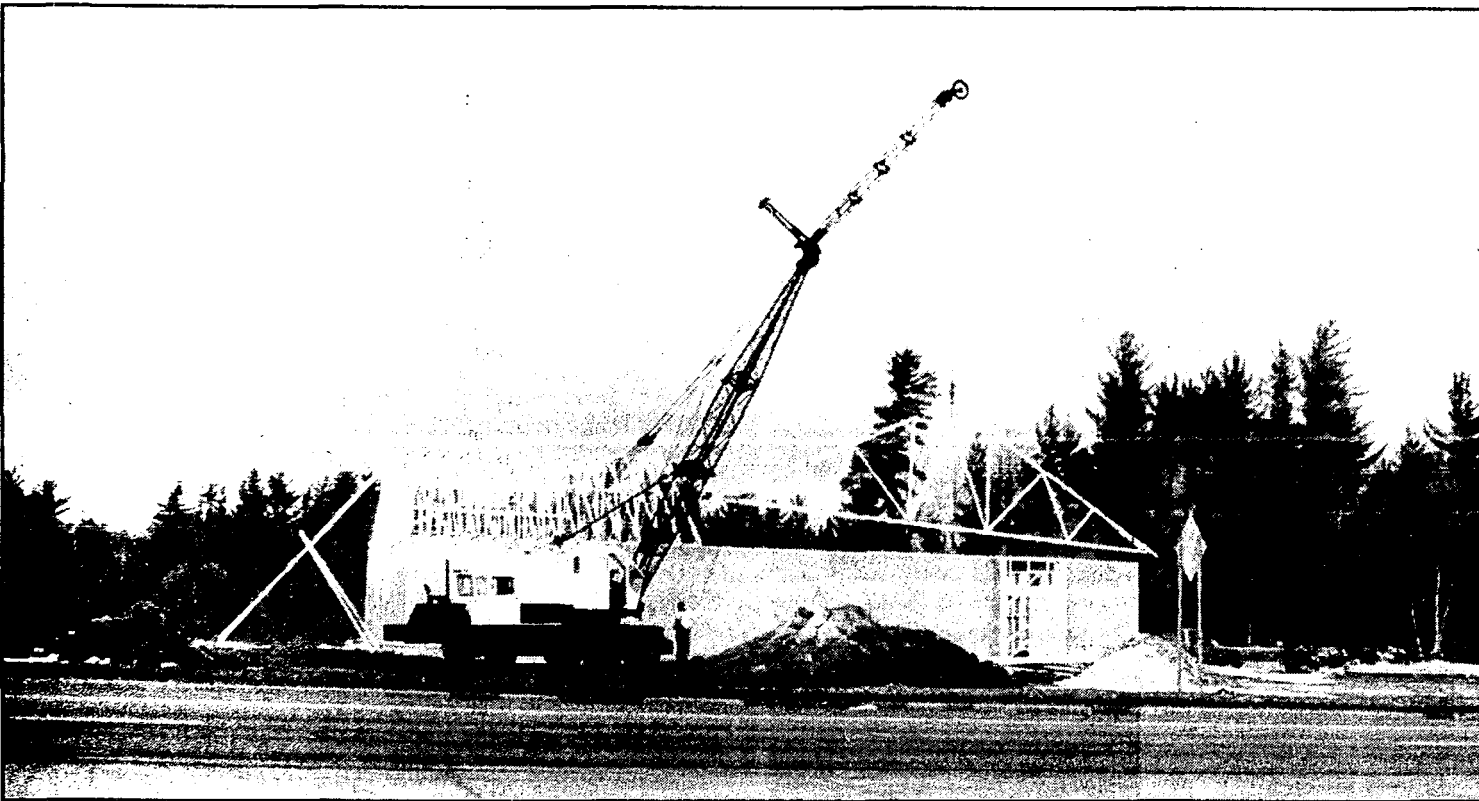


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MORE ROOM – The Grayling Hospital for Animals is getting a new home. The new location is on M-72 West of Grayling, between the ReMax Real Estate office and J.J.'s Motor Mall. The animal hospital has outgrown its present home on Isenhauer Road, north of North Down River Road, and plans are to move into the new facility later on this summer.

Chamber workshop features ferry owner

The Board of Directors of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Grayling Area Visitors Council will hold a workshop on March 2 at the Holiday Inn featuring Bill Shepler.

Shepler is the President of Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry, where the employees are "cast members". He serves on the Mackinaw City Chamber Board, State Chamber Board, Circle

Michigan Board, Michigan State University Travel, Tourism, and Recreation Resource Center Board, and has served on the Michigan Travel Commission.

Shepler will be presenting his "Service Magic", The Shepler Approach to Service seminar and discussing marketing your destination. Those who have been to one of his workshops found the time flew by

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Shepler has received extensive training at the Disney Institute. He explains some of the ideas he learned and how he uses them in his business. He will use the success story of Mackinaw City to illustrate the destination marketing portion. He will explain what steps were taken to change the perception of that community while recognizing the difference

from there and Grayling.

Cost of the workshop is \$25 for both morning and afternoon sessions including lunch. One session is available for \$10. The sessions will run 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. with lunch in between. Seating is limited. You need not be a Chamber member to attend.

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Charlyn T. Fry was named Bank Officer and Branch Manager of Empire National Bank's Grayling office. The announcement of the appointment was made on February 15 by Robert L. Israel, President.

Prior to joining Empire Bank in 1993, Fry earned a Bachelor's Degree in Human Services from Ferris State University.

Charlyn T. Fry

She has held various positions within the bank, both the branch and commercial lending divisions. A resident of northern Michigan for over 20 years, Fry said she looks forward to helping members of the Grayling community with their financial needs.

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The Payments Authority, an organization that advocates the use of electronic payments in Michigan, is teaming up with 34 companies state-wide to promote February as Automatic Bill Payment Month.

Automatic bill payment is a service that allows consumers to authorize companies that they do business with to withdraw recurring payments, such as phone, gas and cable bills, electronically from their checking or savings account.

The average U.S. household pays approximately 200 bills a year.

With the new postage rate of 33 cents, it will cost a household about \$66 a year to mail bills. Add the cost of printing checks and the occasional late fee and you can spend \$100 a year just for the privilege of paying bills.

"Automatic bill payment saves the consumer time, energy, and money, and they don't have to worry about bills getting lost or checks not arriving on time," says Amy Smith, president of The Payments Authority.

"Use of electronic payment alternatives have grown at an outstanding rate in Michigan — 24 percent in the last nine years, compared to 17 percent nationwide."

This year marks the sixth year The Payments Authority has facilitated a joint promotion that allows consumers to sign up with several companies by filling out one enrollment form. Of the 34 companies participating, only six are new in 1999.

Signing up for automatic bill payment is easy. Simply complete an enrollment form, which is distributed in monthly statements and at financial institutions.

Consumers will still receive a statement at least ten days in advance, notifying them of the amount due and the date the payment will be withdrawn.

For those concerned with privacy issues, automatic bill payment is actually more secure than writing a check, says Smith.

"As many as ten people handle a check from the time it is written until the funds are withdrawn from the account. The amount of information on a check is astonishing, including: consumer's name and signature, address, driver's license and/or Social Security number, telephone number, account number and other important bank information."

"Automatic bill payment is protected by encryption, message authentication codes and other security measures to make sure it is not tampered with."

For more information on automatic bill payment, or to receive an enrollment form, visit The Payments Authority Web Site at www.thepaymentsauthority.org, or call (248) 879-2222.

The Payments Authority, incorporated in 1974, is a non-profit association of more than 500 financial institutions throughout Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

The association provides operational, marketing and educational support for electronic financial transactions such as automatic bill payment and direct deposit.

Design plans for tornado 'safe room' available

Residents of tornado-prone areas can get information from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) about how to build a "safe room" in their homes that can provide protection against deadly tornadoes.

The 25-page illustrated FEMA publication, *Taking Shelter from the Storm: Building a Safe Room Inside Your House*, outlines the basics of in-house safe room shelter design, including construction plans, materials and construction cost estimates.

The safe room project is part of an ongoing FEMA initiative to encourage people to take measures to protect themselves and their property before disasters occur." FEMA Director James Lee Witt said.

"When constructed according to the plans, the safe room can provide protection against winds of up to 250 miles per hour and projectiles traveling at 1000 miles an hour," said Witt.

Developed in collaboration with the Wind Engineering Research Center of Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, *Taking Shelter from the Storm* draws on 25 years of field research by the Texas Tech researchers.

Their work has included studies of the performance of buildings following dozens of tornadoes throughout the United States and laboratory testing on the performance of building materials and systems when impacted by airborne debris.

The National Association of Homebuilders Research Center evaluated the designs for construction methods, materials and costs. The shelters are designed with saving lives as the main concern.

"Regardless of where you build your safe room in your house, the walls and ceiling must be built so that they will protect you from missiles and falling debris and remain standing if your house is severely damaged," Witt said.

The safe room designs in *Taking Shelter from the Storm* specify building materials and combinations of building materials that will resist penetration of flying objects in extreme winds.

Taking Shelter from the Storm: building a Safe Room Inside Your House along with the construction plans (FEMA Publication 320) can be ordered at no cost from FEMA Publications at 1-800-480-2520.

The publication, but not the construction plans, can be downloaded from the FEMA Web site at: www.fema.gov/mst/tsf01.htm.

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Health Department achieves its goal

District Health Department #10, which services Crawford, Kalkaska, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Newaygo, Oceana, and Wexford Counties, announced its success with childhood immunizations in 1998.

At the Michigan Department of Community Health's Regional Fall Immunization Conference, District Health Department #10 was awarded a Certificate of Achievement in recognition of outstanding effort and success in reaching the goal of having 90% of the children between 19-35 months of age in compliance with the recommended immunization schedule.

According to B. Michael Skoog, Acting Health Officer, the national goal is to have 90 percent of all children fully immunized by five years of age. Childhood immunizations are the foundation of communicable disease prevention states Skoog.

Children are required to be immunized against mumps, measles, rubella, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio, and

Haemophilus Influenzae Type B Vaccine (Hib) for entrance into kindergarten. In the year 2000, Hepatitis B will be added to the list of required immunizations for kindergarten. It is presently required for entrance into preschool programs.

Success of improving immunization levels for children in the District Health Department #10 service area can be attributed to: (1) The increased access to immunizations at family physician offices by utilizing the Vaccine for Children Program (VFC). The VFC program provides free vaccines to providers. (2) Physicians participating in a local immunization registry which allows providers to readily access immunization records. (3) Increased emphasis placed upon reminding parents when their child's immunization are due.

The Michigan Childhood Immunization Registry (MCIR) is now functioning in the District Health Department #10 ten county service area.

The MCIR allows physicians to access immunization records of children in our health jurisdiction and also information of children as they move into the area from other locations in Michigan.

All local Health Department's have merged their immunization data bases into the MCIR. Physicians providing immunizations are required to report immu-

nization records to the MCIR.

Through improved access to immunization data the percentage of children fully immunized will increase and the risk of contracting a vaccine preventable disease will decrease.

Parents should contact their family physician or local Health Department to schedule routine immunizations.

Nine stations air Kirtland Korner

The Kirtland Korner, a five-minute weekly public service radio program about Kirtland Community College will now be carried on nine area radio stations.

Jerry Werle, Director, Public Relations for Kirtland said WCLS-FM (KIX100.7) in Oscoda will begin airing the program on Fridays starting February 19, following the station's morning local and network news programming between 7:05 a.m. and 7:15 a.m., in addition to the eight stations currently airing the program.

The Kirtland Korner is hosted by Werle and features brief interviews with Kirtland staff, faculty, and students, as well as with Kirtland district residents, about the college's programs, special events, and services.

The program is currently broadcast weekly on WGRY AM and FM, as well as WQON FM in Grayling. Also broadcasting are WBMI FM - West Branch, WUPS FM - Mt. Pleasant/Prudenville; WKJC FM - Tawas City; WKJZ FM - Alpena; and WSTD FM - Sterling.

Consumers pays share of taxes

Consumers Energy's growing business is reflected in increased property tax payments to Michigan communities in 1998 - up one percent compared to 1997 property tax payments by the utility.

Consumers Energy paid \$142.7 million to 1,380 governmental agencies for real and personal property taxes for 1998. In 1997, Consumers Energy paid real and personal property taxes of \$141.1 million to 1,380 government agencies.

In Crawford County, Consumers paid real and personal property taxes of \$247,568 in 1998, including the following:

Beaver Creek Township, \$90,711;
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OBITUARIES

Margaret M. Tinker

Margaret M. Tinker, 94, of Grayling, died on February 15, 1999, at Mercy Manor, Grayling.

Mrs. Tinker was born on November 8, 1904, in St. Louis, Michigan, to Alfred Priest and Gertrude Galloway. She was a long-time resident of Grayling, moving here 69 years ago from Johannesburg. She was a homemaker, a life-member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 106 and had served as president of the Auxiliary for three different terms.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Tinker, in 1979; daughter, Letha Rose; son, William, Robert and Marvin Tinker; and parents Alfred and Gertrude (Galloway) Priest.

Survivors include: three sons: Martin Tinker of Grayling, Danny Tinker of Lansing, and James Tinker of Brimley; four daughters: Vera Baehler of Kalkaska, Bernice Moyer of Blue Lake, Elaine Goen of Torch Lake and Kay Melroy of West Branch; one sister, Nellie Bartholomew of Kalkaska; 32 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, many great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Wednesday evening, February 17, 1999, at the American Legion Post 106 Auxiliary.

Funeral services were held Thursday, February 18, 1999, at the Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel with Pastor Robert Faber officiating. Burial will be in the Elmwood Cemetery in the spring.

The family suggest memorial donations be directed to the American Cancer Society.

In Memory of...

Leon K. Johnston

Times Passes,
Life Changes,
Memories Remain.

Marie Edwards and
O'Dea Family

Raymond C. Lange

Raymond C. Lange, 63, of Grayling, died on February 20, 1999, at his residence.

Mr. Lange was born November 9, 1935, in Pontiac, Michigan, to Richard and Florence Lange.

Mr. Lange married the former Barbara I. Lane on September 14, 1957, in Pontiac. They moved to Grayling in September of 1975 from Sterling Heights, Michigan. Mr. Lange was the founder of Lange Vending, Inc. and owned and operated it for many years. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Grayling Area Chamber of Commerce, and was a past-president and member of the Grayling Rotary Club.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Lange, sister, Betty Claxton and parents, Richard and Florence Lange.

Survivors include: his wife, Barbara Lange of Grayling; three daughters: Jeanne (Jeff) Parkinson of Grayling, Patti (Joe) Spleet of St. Charles, Michigan, Pam Lange of Traverse City; four sons: Mike (Bonnie) Lange of Grayling, James (Jane) Lange of Grayling, Rich (Mary) Lange of Traverse City, Donald (Diane) Lange of East Lansing; 9 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and his mother-in-law Florence Lane of Grayling.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Tuesday, February 23, 1999, at the St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Reverend Robert W. Nalley officiating. Funeral arrangements were made by the Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

The family suggest memorial donations be made to the Crawford-AuSable Schools Athletic Department or to the Amicare Hospice, Grayling.

Donald W. Dornton

Donald W. Dornton, 85, of Grayling, died on February 17, 1999 at his residence.

Mr. Dornton was born on April 4, 1913 in Jackson, Michigan. He was a self-employed masonry contractor who moved to Grayling one year ago from Mio. He and his wife, Dorothy, were married June 16, 1940.

He was preceded in death by one son, Gerald.

Survivors include: his wife, Dorothy J. Dornton of Grayling; one daughter, Nancy Douglas of Farmington Hills; two sons, Norman Dornton of Evert, Michigan and David Dornton of Naples, Florida; eight stepchildren; several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday, February 20, 1999 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses with Mr. Joe Greer officiating. Funeral arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

In Memory of...

In Loving Memory of James R.

Wakeley, February 27, 1996

God saw he was getting tired,
and a cure was not to be;
So he put His arms around him,
and whispered, "Come with me."

With tearful eyes we watched
him suffer,
and saw him fade away;
Although we loved him dearly,
we could not make him stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
hard working hands to rest;
God broke our hearts to prove to us.

He only takes the best.
Sadly missed by wife Sharon;
daughter Amy; sons Kevin,
Michael and Todd; Grandchildren
and family. We love you.

Mary L. Short

Mary L. Short, 71, of Frederic, died on February 21, 1999, at The Meadows of Grayling.

Mrs. Short was born on December 31, 1927, in Newberry, Michigan to Murnie Berry and Alva Mae Madison. She was a long-time resident of Frederic and was employed as a press operator for Wickes Manufacturing in Mancelona before her retirement.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth L. Short in 1982; daughter, Brenda Pettyjohn, grandchildren, Joel Cox and Colleen Cox, sisters, Murna, Blossom and Patricia and her parents Murnie and Alva Mae Berry.

Survivors include: daughter, Patricia R. Cox of Frederic; sister, Louella LaFave of Duluth, Minnesota; four brothers: James Berry of Dowagiac, Carl Berry of Newberry, David Berry of Superior, Wisconsin, Wayne Berry of Midland; 6 grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and son-in-law, William Cox of Frederic.

There will be a graveside service in the spring at Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic with Mr. Jerry Huffman officiating. Arrangements were made by the Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

In Memory of...

In Memory and Gratitude of our daughter, and sister, Lisa Wolf, who died Feb. 28, 1979. She is deeply missed and loved. In her memory and from our family we would like to thank all of those individuals and organizations who helped us during her illness, and during our loss. It may be 20 years now, but all of your kindnesses have been good memories during a difficult time. God bless you all.

Mom, Dad, Tracy and Colleen

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for the week ahead: Your life is a gift. You didn't earn it!

Things are happening at the Center, even though the weather sometimes puts us out of action. Remember, if there is any doubt about the weather and driving conditions, please check with the radio or TV for school closings. If our schools, Crawford AuSable are closed, then our Senior Center is closed.

Your week ahead: February 24 - "R & R", which means roundtable remembering, at 5:30 p.m.; February 25 - Blood pressures taken 11 a.m. to 12 noon and dance with Tina at 12:30 p.m.; February 26 - Pick-up Bingo at 1 p.m. and SHARE pick-up from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the RLDS church on N. Down River Rd.

Sunday, February 28 is our monthly potluck; bring a dish to pass and your appetite - starts at 2 p.m.

March 1 - Hangman at 5:30 p.m.; March 2 - Trivia after dinner; Commodities distributed on March 3. Tax Lady will be here 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Wendy's Bingo at 12:30

p.m.; March 4 - Casino trip at 9:30 a.m. first craft class at 1 p.m. with Nova doing bird cages; Pantry Bingo on March 5 at 1 p.m. and Sunday Brunch on March 7, serving chipped beef on toast.

Please take note that we will be holding special craft classes every Thursday at 1 p.m. in March. The first will be hosted by Nova and she will show you how to make cute bird cages on March 4; Louise will show you how to make woven paper baskets on March 11; Eva will show you how to make hoop pictures on March 18; and Jan will show you how to do some floral arranging.

Materials will be furnished and the cost for each class will be \$4. You need to bring your basic "tools" such as: scissors, pliers, wire cutters, glue gun, glue, etc., if you have them.

Sign up in advance so that we know approximately how many to count on.

Also, take note that the SHARE pick-up will be on February 26. It was misprinted in our Gazette.

Did you know that we have a toll-free number to call for those people

who live outside the 348 or 344 exchange? The number is 1-888-355-4500. Please tell your "out-lying" friends and neighbors about it.

Please remember to drive safely and walk safely.

Just a reminder that our congregational meals are served at 12 noon and 5 p.m., Monday thru Thursday and lunch only on Friday.

We have a fruit and vegetable salad bar on Tuesdays and soup is served on Monday and Wednesday. Please try to make a reservation, if you can, by calling 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500.

February Meals: (Lunch/Dinner):
25 - Stuffed Peppers/Pork Roast
26 - Roast Chicken & Stuffing/
no dinner

March Meals: (Lunch/Dinner):
1 - Pork Roast/Turkey and Dressing
2 - Baked Chicken/Salisbury Steak

3 - Brown Steak/Spanish Rice
4 - Meatballs/BBQ Beef
5 - Pork chops/no dinner

Thought to leave you with: How did the fool and his money get together in the first place?

CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

Submitted by Tracie Compton

New videos have been added to the video collection at the Crawford County Library.

To round out the series of the *Magic School Bus*, the following videos have been added: *Going Batty*; *Busasaurus*; *Getting Energized*; *Gets Ants in its Pants*; *Ready, Set, Dough*; and *Taking Flight*.

Gentle Tai-Chi and Mental Fitness are part of the *Health and Well Being Series* by Ageless Fitness. *Mental Fitness* states it "will stimulate and develop your mental abilities while creating inner calm and balance."

Martha Stewart's *Renovating with Style* is an addition to the how-to videos.

Raising Your Dog the Skete Way by the Monks of New Skete has two additional titles in the series: *In the Beginning - Puppy Socialization and Training*; and *Obedience - Working with Your Adult Dog*.

Additional parenting videos are three from the *Touchpoints Series* by

Dr. T. Berry Brazelton: *Pregnancy, Birth and the First Weeks of Life*; *First Months through the First Year*; *One Year through Toddlerhood*. Also, *1-2-3 Magic - Effective Discipline for Children 2-12* has been added to the video library.

Two new children's videos are *Linnea in Monet's Garden* and *The Wind in the Willows*.

Wales, Canada, and Ireland are

three new travelogues added to the current travel collection.

Videos check out for one week with a \$2 deposit, which is refunded when the videos are returned to the library on time.

For more information about videos or library hours here or at the Lovells or Frederic Libraries, please call the Crawford County Library at 348-9214.

MERCY BIRTHS

Joseph and Rhonda Lansky of Roscommon announce the arrival of David Robert Lansky born January 30, 1999.

Howard and April Angelmeyer of Grayling announce the arrival of Leonard Leroy Angelmeyer born January 30, 1999.

Misty Rogers of Prudenville announces the arrival of Alyssa Marie Wilbur born February 6, 1999.

Jeanette Lynn Ratliff of Houghton Lake announces the arrival of Shian Dezarai Livernois born February 9, 1999.

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January, 1999 sentencings

Appearing before the Honorable Francis F. Walsh:

Joseph Gregory Swanic, Jr. of Grayling - Oper-OUIL/Per Se3. Sentenced to 365 days in the County jail with credit for one day previously served; ordered to pay a \$500 fine, \$300 court costs, \$60 to the Crime Victims' Fund, and placed on 18 months probation.

Thomas Eric Wellman of Grayling - Controlled Substance Possession of Marijuana. Sentenced to 365 days in the County jail, with credit for one day previously served; ordered to pay \$1,000 court costs, \$60 to the Crime Victims' Fund, \$150 forensic lab fees, and placed on 24 months probation.

Atanacio Reyna, a State prisoner - Prisoner in possession of contraband. Sentenced to 12 to 60 months with the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Joseph Lewis Book of Grayling - Uttering & Publishing. Sentenced to 365 days in the County jail, with credit for one day previously served; ordered to pay \$180 court costs, \$7,800 restitution, \$60 to the Crime Victims' Fund, \$645 attorney fees, and placed on 36 months probation.

Thomas Leslie Hamm of Davison - Breaking & Entering Vehicle, Property over \$5. Sentenced to 30 days in the County jail, with credit for one day previously served (sentence held in abeyance pending payment of court costs within six months); ordered to pay \$500 fine, \$680 court costs, \$60 to the Crime Victims' Fund, \$645 attorney fees, and placed on 18 months probation.

Appearing before the Honorable Dennis F. Murphy:

Christopher Brian Mann of Grayling - Escape Juvenile Facility. Sentenced to 16 to 48 months with the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Joseph James Kirschenbauer of Grayling - Escape Juvenile Facility. Sentenced to 18 to 48 months with the Michigan Department of Corrections.

James Steven Garfield, Jr. of Flint - Breaking & Entering Illegal Entry without Permission. Ordered to pay a \$100 fine, \$300 court costs and \$150 forensic lab fee.

Appearing before the Honorable Alton T. Davis:

Anthony Michael Boscario of Warren - Probation Violation. Placed on 60 months probation.

Card of Thanks

To St. Francis Parish and friends

I want to thank each and every one of you for your many acts of kindness during my recent illness. Your phone calls, cards, visits greatly aided the healing process. Your gracious prayers and presence in my life is a gift which I shall always treasure.

Father Rob

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone who donated for the dinner for Tim. Family, friends, local business and the RLDS Church. May God bless you all.

Thank you
Tim and Cindy Calkins

Small and Brown wed



Mr. and Mrs. David Brown

The Rayburn Lodge was the site for the December 29, 1998 wedding of Kim Small and David Brown, with Reverend William Fraser officiating.

Kim is the daughter of Irwin and Joan Small of Grayling. David is the son of Ray and

Vi Brown of Baltimore, Maryland.

Family and friends attended from American Samoa; Ontario, Canada; Arkansas, Illinois, Ohio, Maryland and Virginia.

The newlyweds will reside in Springfield, Virginia.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during February 24, 1999 through March 2.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Road).

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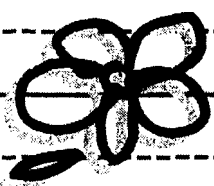
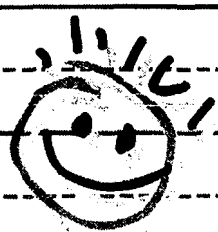
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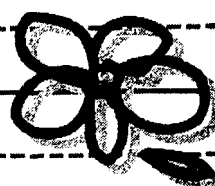
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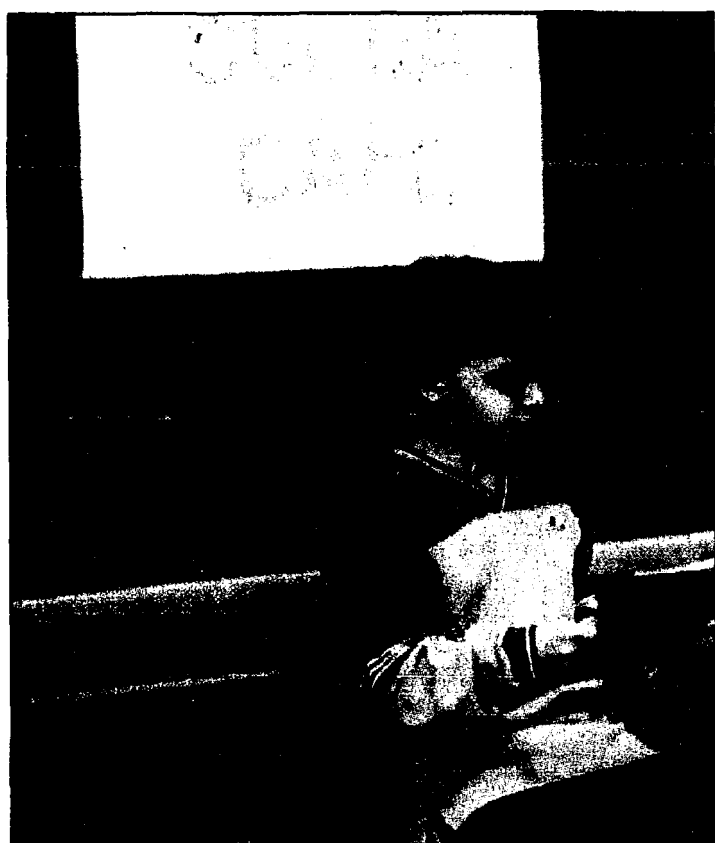
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Crawford AuSable School News



60's revisited at the Hot Cocoa Cafe



ALL ABOUT ANIMALS – Frederic fourth grade student Teddy Gomez shares a reading selection about animals with fellow students during a three-week library skills project.

Students at Frederic Elementary School have been busy with a three-week library skills project.

Second, third, fourth and fifth grade students enrolled at the school in Frederic were involved in the project.

Students found reading material on selected topics and practiced reading their pieces before presenting them before classmates.

When everyone was ready, the Hot Cocoa Cafe was set up.

The cafe was an imitation of the days of coffeehouses that were popular throughout the United States in the 1960's.

Coffeehouses became a meeting place for those who wished to read favorite poetry and short stories, as well as excerpts from the classics.

The houses were also a place to express oneself and to feel creative freedom.

Musicians, singers and guitarists were frequent visitors to the coffeehouses, where some made their first public appearances.

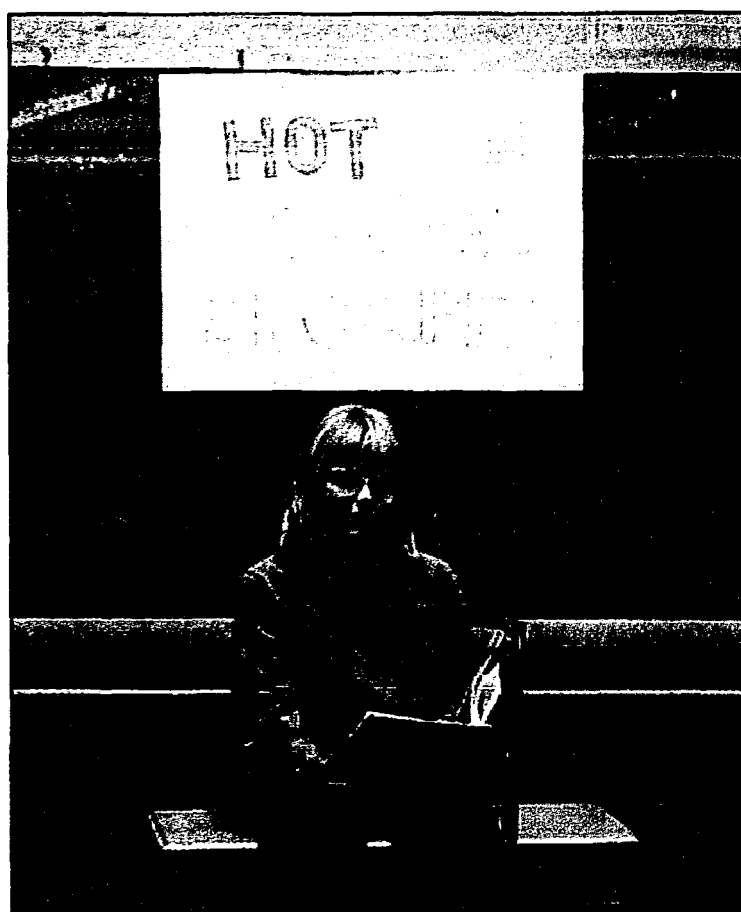
Coffee and teas were served to the 1960's crowds and it was a relatively inexpensive form of entertainment.

As the name implies, hot cocoa was served to the student patrons to enjoy, instead of coffee or tea, while they listened to readings and snapped their fingers in approval, just like in the good old days.

Mrs. Olson's fourth grade class read projects on animals and she indicated that the project was very popular with the school children.

"Hot cocoa and snapping fingers make this library skills lesson in demand by the students," she said.

Hot Cocoa Cafe photos, courtesy of Frederic Elementary School



FOR YOUR LISTENING PLEASURE – Frederic Elementary School student Roxanne Armstrong reads her selection to the patrons of the Hot Cocoa Cafe.



WINTER MUSIC CONCERTS – One hundred-twenty-one second grade and second-third grade multi-age classes at the AuSable Primary School, under the direction of Miss Kathy Vergith, presented their winter music concerts on Wednesday, January 13 and Thursday, January 14 before full houses of family and friends. The theme of the concerts, in keeping with this year's school theme, was "Exploring the FUNDamentals of Music via songs of transportation."



TRIANGULAR TALENTS – Aaron Patnode and Matt Ingersoll are posed and ready to play their triangles.



SANDBLOCK SOUNDS – Angelica Ramsey and Talia Piper create the sounds of a train on thier sandblocks.

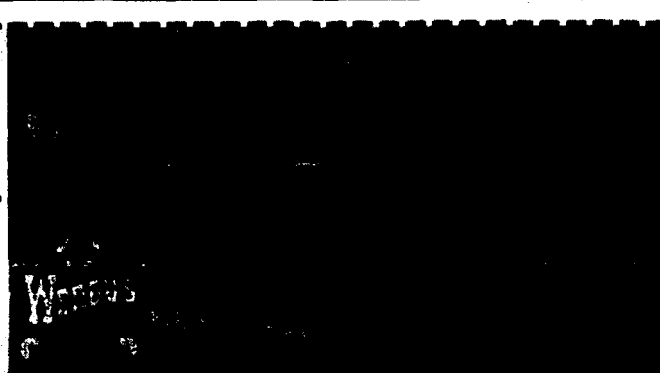
Author visits schools' media centers



Noted Michigan author, Gloria Whelan, read from her books to students at AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary School media centers. She also spoke of the writing process from the first step of inspiration to publishing a book. Each student who took part in the reading program was given a signed copy of one of Whelan's books. Over 200 students took part in the special reading activity involving her books.



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Crawford County Avalanche

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Parents Night, ski team presentation and Pom Pon encore highlight festivities

Varsity Basketball Team wins last home game of season

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Scoring an impressive 87 points, the GHS Varsity Basketball Team won its final home game of the 1998-99 season last Friday, defeating the Saginaw Valley Lutheran Chargers by a final score of 87-63.

With five seniors on the floor to open the game, the team got off to a good start. The Vikings managed to build up a 19-12 lead by the end of the first period. Grayling hit three triples in the quarter, including two by Nate Beckwith and one by Jeremy Millikin. Brad Ritter chalked up a couple scores inside.

The Vikings continued the offensive onslaught in the second quarter, dumping in four more three-pointers, three of them by Nate Hinkle.

GHS led 44-31 at halftime. Grayling had a big third quarter, scoring 27 points and holding Saginaw to 11.

Early in the period, Travis Huber scored on a behind the back pass from Pete Mead to put Grayling up by 20, 53-33. Beckwith hit his

fourth and fifth three-pointers in the quarter, and the Vikings ended the third period up by 29, 71-42.

After a Saginaw Valley three-point bucket early in the fourth, GHS scored six unanswered points, including a tip-in by Brad Wilson, a reverse lay-up by Eli Tobin, and a coast-to-coast drive by Hinkle.

With 1:43 left in the game, Mead connected on a pair of free throws, which resulted in a huge round of applause from the Grayling crowd for the senior guard.

Saginaw Valley was unable to make any significant cuts into the Grayling lead, and Grayling finished the game on top by 24, 87-63.

"Our kids played with a special purpose tonight," said Coach Rich Moffit. "I was impressed with the movement of the basketball and our ability to make the extra pass to get the ball to the open man."

"This was also special for our seniors," added Moffit. "They played with class and gave an outstanding effort."

Each varsity player scored at least

two points in the game. Beckwith, a senior, was the high scorer with 27 points. Hinkle scored 15. Tobin led the team in assists with six, and Hinkle was the top rebounder with eight.

The varsity team will finish its regular season on Tuesday, March 2, with a road trip to Roscommon.

On Tuesday, February 16, the GHS Varsity Basketball Team lost a close one to the visiting Standish Sterling Panthers after leading for the entire first half of the game.

The Vikings started the match well, going up 11-4 early in the first period on points by Hinkle, Millikin and Tobin. Grayling shot well from the floor, and displayed a lot of hustle on the defensive end.

GHS led by seven after one quarter, 22-15.

A low-scoring second period resulted in a 30-25 halftime score in favor of the Vikings. Standish scored 10 to Grayling's eight.

The Panthers struggled from the free throw line, hitting 2 for 7 in the period, but helped their cause with a pair of three-point baskets.

Standish came out strong in the second half. After a jumper by Hinkle, the Panthers hit a three-pointer, converted on a three-point play, and then drained another triple to take their first lead of the game, 34-32.

With 4:20 left in the third period Hinkle answered with a three-pointer to put GHS up by one, and Standish came back with a three to go up by two.

The visiting Standish crowd started to get in the game at that point, and made a lot of noise in support of its team for the remainder of the contest.

The teams continued to trade the

lead until the end of the quarter, when Grayling rallied for a six point scoring run, including a three-point play by Travis Huber and three (out of four) free throws by Brad Ritter.

GHS led 48-44 going into the fourth quarter.

The Grayling team took advantage of some free throw opportunities to open the fourth, hitting 4 of 6 to go up by eight, 52-44.

Standish then mounted a big comeback, scoring 11 unanswered points to take a 54-52 lead. Hinkle and Ritter each hit one of two from the free throw line to tie the game at 54-54. (Ritter's trip to the stripe came at the 2:12 mark.)

Grayling got the ball back after a Standish turnover and killed almost a minute of the remaining clock time. The Vikes were unable to convert the shot, and Standish picked up the crucial rebound.

The Panthers had possession, and after a couple timeouts, managed to score a bucket inside to take a 56-54 lead.

GHS got the ball across the half-court line and called a timeout. The Vikings had seven seconds to get a final shot off.

Grayling opted to go for two points and the tie, but missed the shot. The Panthers grabbed the rebound and held it to secure the two-point victory, 56-54.

Hinkle was the GHS high scorer with 17 points.

"We showed some real positives in this game," said Coach Moffit. "but in the fourth quarter our kids got tentative at the offensive end of the court. We missed five lay-ups and did not shoot with confidence from the free throw line."

The Vikings were also out-rebounded in the second half, 7-18.



SIDELINE DEFENSE -- Seniors Nate Beckwith and Brad Ritter play defense on a Saginaw in-bounds.

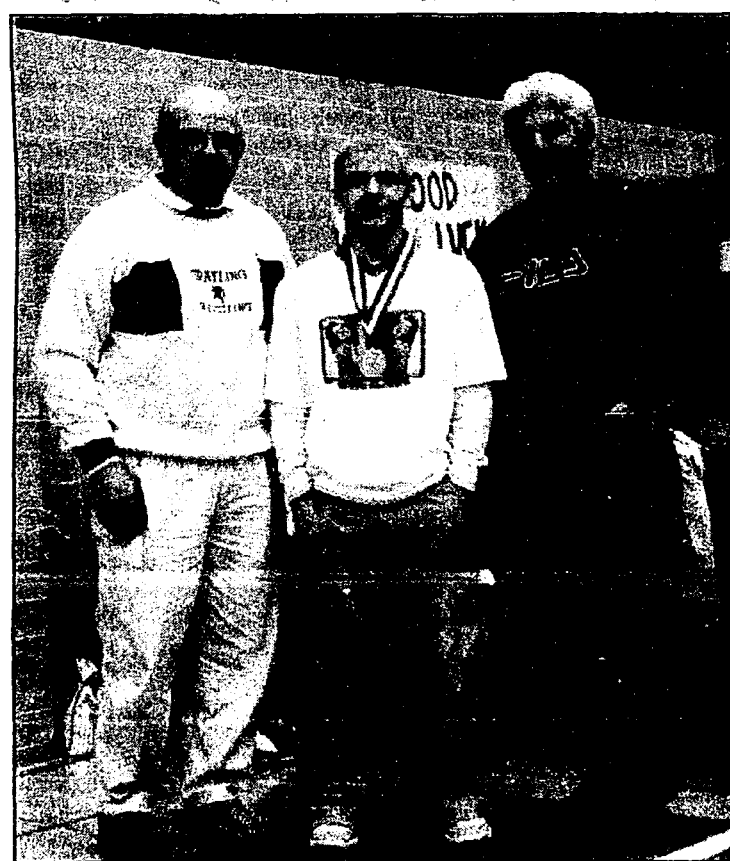


Photos by Linda Golinick

JUNIOR CHEERLEADERS -- Varsity cheerleaders Jessie Becks and Jamie Anderson work with their AuSable Primary junior cheerleaders. The group filled the floor and performed several routines for the audience.



"D" -- Seniors Pete Mead (#42) and Travis Huber (#11) defend against a driving Saginaw opponent.



WRESTLING HONOR -- (left) Coach Don Ferguson and Assistant Coach Mike Hopkins (right) joined GHS wrestler Josh Niederer for the halftime presentation of Niederer's 100th career victory medal. For more on the GHS Wrestling Team please see Page 2B.



POM PON ENCORE -- The Pom Pon squad came out for a second performance during halftime of the varsity game, sporting shades and tie-dye shirts.



GHS SKI TEAM -- The Grayling High School Ski Team was introduced to the crowd at halftime of the varsity basketball game. Coach Wieland provided listeners with a little bit of info on each skier as they came down to stand with their teammates. For more on the ski team, please see Page 2B.

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Girls Team wins last league meet of season

Boys Ski Team finishes undefeated in league

On Tuesday, February 16, the Central Alpine Ski Conference (CASC) completed its yearly schedule at Treetops Resort with its League Meet.

The league has 10 dual meets worth 10 points each and a final meet worth 60 points for the winner and 10 points for the last place team.

A perfect score for the year would be 160 points, and that was the goal of the Viking Boys Ski Team.

After the meet that's just the way it ended. Yearly totals were Grayling 160, Harrison 115, Mt. Pleasant 105, Roscommon 60, Clare 50 and Farwell 20.

Skiing giant slalom (GS) first, the Boys went out to a seven point lead over Mt. Pleasant, then built a commanding lead in the slalom (SI) to win the overall meet by 48 points.

Top skier for the boys was Eric Thompson, who won both the SI and GS. Matt Ginter placed 2nd in SI and 5th in GS, Ray Trudgeon 11th and 10th. Colin Hunter 3rd in

GS and 26th in SI, Derek Quick was 3rd in SI, Jason Boreo was 7th in GS, Paul Jansen 11th in GS and Josh Mueller was 21st in SI.

League Meet totals were Grayling 33, Mt. Pleasant 81, Harrison 99, Clare 137, Roscommon 142 and Farwell 159.

The Girls competition was much closer than the Boys.

The Vikings knew they had to finish first for a shot at the League Championship and hope Clare would beat Mt. Pleasant.

The races were close to that, but Mt. Pleasant beat Clare by 10 points overall to win the yearly standings.

The League Meet totals were Grayling 45, Mt. Pleasant 55, Clare 65, Farwell 133, Harrison 172 and Roscommon 236.

Top racers for the Lady Vikes were Katie Olson placing 1st in GS and Brooke Ginter placing 2nd in SI. Katie was 3rd in SI and Brooke was 3rd in GS. Kim Hartman placed 4th in both events to help provide the low team score. The all-important fourth place for

team totals was supplied by freshman Kelly Jansen, who placed 13th in SI and 15th in GS. Danielle McClanahan was 18th in SI and 19th in GS.

Yearly point totals and final CASC standings were Mt. Pleasant 140, Grayling 130, Clare 120, Farwell 70, Harrison 40 and Roscommon 10.

The Grayling Burger King Invitational was held on Thursday, February 18, with Elk Rapids, Gaylord and Grayling participating.

Kalkaska Teams could not attend this year due to another commitment.

"Grayling Burger King sponsors this meet for local teams. It is generally at the end of the season as a fun time for our closest skiing schools," said Coach Wieland.

Team totals for the meet saw Class A Gaylord sneak in front of the Grayling Boys by 4 points to win 35 - 39 with Elk Rapids at 101.

Top skiers for the Vikings were Thompson (3rd in SI) and

Trudgeon (3rd in GS). Thompson was 9th in GS and Trudgeon was 9th in SI. Matt Ginter placed 4th in SI and 6th in GS, Hunter was 5th in both races. Quick placed 6th in SI, Boreo finished 7th in GS, Paul Jansen was 11th in SI and Mueller placed 12th in SI.

The Lady Vikes did not have a good day as the slalom course took three of four out with disqualifications.

"We had one girl disqualified in slalom during our season," said Coach Wieland. "The course set by a Gaylord Assistant Coach just didn't match up with our skiing style."

Olson, Hartman and Kelly Jansen were all caught in a big rhythm change in the last three gates and all were disqualified. Brooke Ginter finished 2nd overall in the meet for the only non-disqualifying points.

The Giant Slalom saw Olson place 1st, Hartman 4th, Brooke Ginter 8th and Kelly Jansen 16th.

Team totals were Gaylord 33, Elk Rapids 72 and Grayling 82.

GHS Wrestling Team wins District championship

The Grayling High School Wrestling Team hosted Kalkaska and Cheboygan on Wednesday, February 17, to compete for the District championship. Grayling beat Kalkaska by a score of 48-24 and Cheboygan by a final tally of 51-25.

Winning matches for Grayling

were Matt Evon, Josh Niederer, Marianne Vollmer, Larry Baker, Marc Weaver, Ray Pyle, Alfred Borchers, Victor CdeBaca and Nick Baynham.

The Vikings traveled to Gladwin on Saturday, February 20, to wrestle in the Individual Districts competition.

Evon and Niederer took 1st place to earn District championships. CdeBaca took a third place medal. They will compete next Saturday in Gladwin for the Regional championship.


Evon won his 100th career high school wrestling match at the Individual Districts. His career record is currently 100-32.

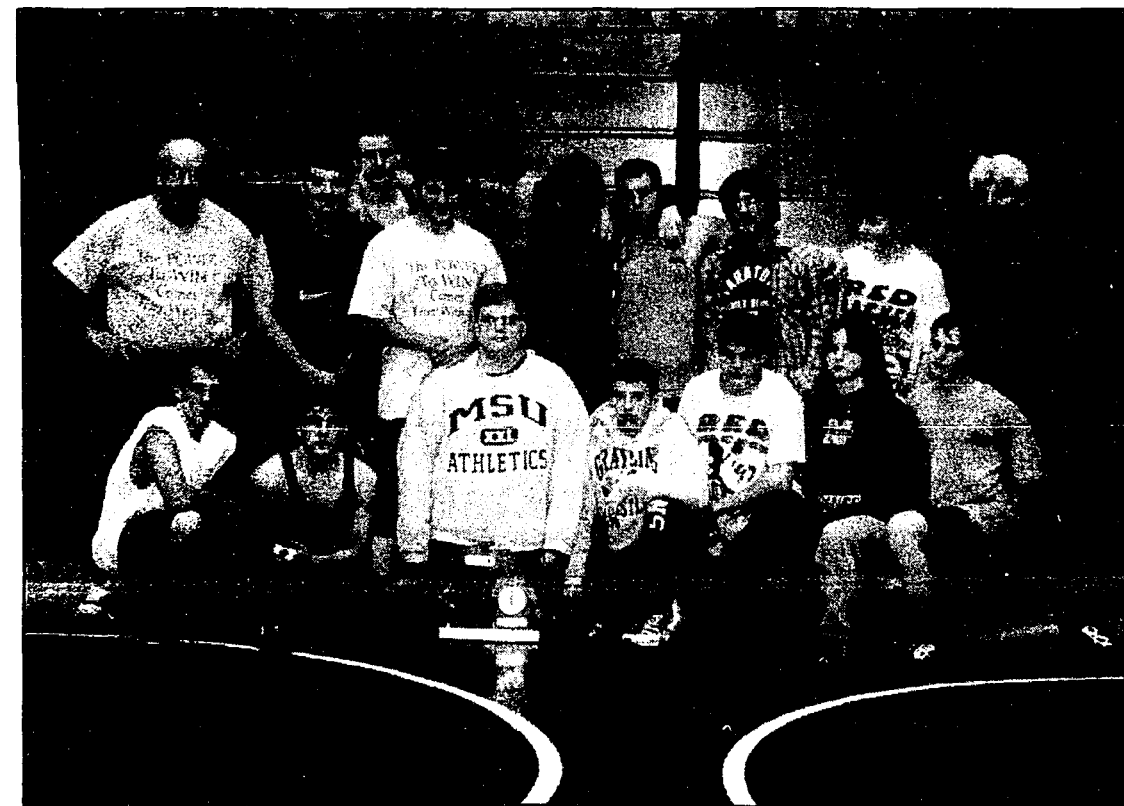
He was 12-13 as a freshman, 40-17 as a sophomore, and is 48-1 this year as a junior.

The school record for most wrestling victories in a season is 52, which Evon could break this weekend. The standing record of 52 is held by Brian Kernstock.


Evon is a National Honor Society member, and carries a grade point average of 3.89 (out of 4.0).

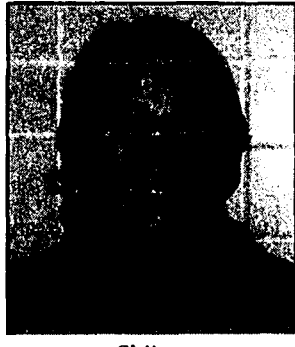
Evon's GPA ranks him as the highest academic wrestler to represent Grayling in state competition. He is an outstanding asset to our community, and has a very good chance of breaking the school record of 157 career wins.


Wendy's
Viking of the Week

 Wrestling Coach: Don Ferguson
JASON DASHO
 Jason, a senior, is in his final year of wrestling at Grayling High School. He provides leadership as one of the Grayling team captains.



DISTRICT CHAMPS -- (above) Members of the Grayling High School Wrestling Team with their District Championship trophy.

DuBois Lumber
Viking of the Week

 Skiing Coach: Mike Wieland
JASON BOREO
 Jason provided the critical 4th place finishes in giant slalom in last week's Central Alpine League meet and Grayling Burger King Invitational.

DuBois Lumber
Viking of the Week

 Skiing Coach: Mike Wieland
BROOKE GINTER
 Brooke helped the girls to win the Central Alpine League meet with a 2nd in slalom and 3rd in giant slalom. She was also Grayling's top scorer in the Grayling Invitational.

Holiday Inn
Vikings of the Week

 Varsity Boys Basketball Coach: Rich Moffit
THE 6 SENIORS
 (Nate Beckwith, Travis Huber, Pete Mead, Jeremy Millikin, Mike Ostwald, Brad Ritter.) "This senior group played with outstanding effort and class in their final home game," said Coach Moffit.

JV Basketball Team wins fifth straight

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

With wins over Saginaw Valley Lutheran and Standish Sterling last week, the Grayling High School Junior Varsity Basketball Team extended its current winning streak to five games, and improved its season record to 15-3.

On Tuesday, February 16, the JV Vikings won their fourth game in a row by beating the visiting Standish Sterling team by 26 points, 69-43.

The Vikes played well on both the offensive and defensive ends of the court. Grayling moved the ball well and did a good job of hitting the open player moving to the basket, which resulted in some easy scores inside.

The Vikes opened the first quarter with 14 unanswered points to take an early 14-2 lead. The scoring run included three buckets inside by Chris Youngblood and consecutive three-pointers by Marcus Bobenmoyer and Brad Gorski.

Perimeter shooting was a major factor in the first 16 minutes of the game, with Grayling hitting seven three-pointers in the opening half. Standish was 0 for 6 on three-point attempts in the first half and 1 for 11 in the game.

Grayling continued to control the game, and with a three-point shot by Mahaffy at the first quarter buzzer, led 21-10 after one period of play.

GHS held the offense coming in the second quarter, scoring 11 unanswered points to open the period, including two three-pointers by Youngblood, another one by Gorski, and a nice shot inside by Levi Burkett.

Grayling managed to build up a 22 point lead by halftime, 43-21.

The third quarter was relatively low-scoring, with Standish edging Grayling 14-12 in third period points.

GHS still held a commanding lead, going into the final quarter of play with a 19 point advantage, 55-36.

The Standish Sterling team tightened up its defense in the fourth quarter, and played a much more intense game than in the previous three periods. The Panthers continued to struggle, and couldn't gain any offensive momentum.

Grayling's defense held strong, allowing only seven Standish points in the fourth quarter, and GHS won the game 69-43.

The Grayling scoring was fairly well distributed, with four Vikings reaching double figures.

Gorski ended up with the most points at 16. Burkett, Youngblood and Bobenmoyer each scored 15. "We had good balance scoring," said Coach Butch Hayes. "We also shot 12 out of 18 at the line, which was good. I thought our effort in this game was outstanding."

"The bad thing is we came out of that game pretty banged up," said Hayes. Gorski and Youngblood both sustained injuries in the match.

In another home game, the last of the season for the JV Vikes, the team beat the Chargers of Saginaw Valley Lutheran last Friday by 23 points, 60-37.

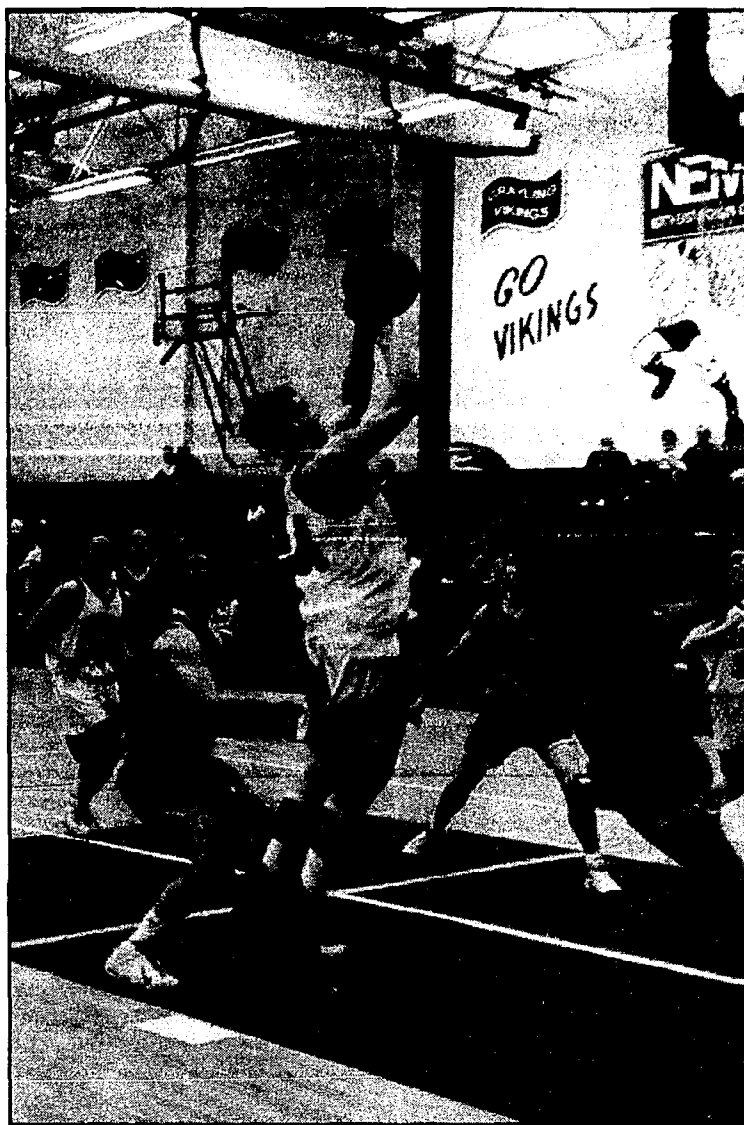
"I thought it was a good team game," said Hayes. "Our kids stepped up and played well under some adverse conditions."

Gorski only played a couple minutes due to an injury, and Youngblood was also on limited duty.

The team seemed a little out of sync on the offensive end, especially in the first half, but the squad controlled the game with strong defense.

Grayling held Saginaw Valley to eight points in the first quarter, and gave up only six in the second.

GHS led 25-14 after a low-scoring



IN THE PAINT -- Dave Golnick goes up for shot off the glass as a Saginaw Valley defender dives by.

ing first half.

The Vikings continued to play strong on the defensive end in the second half, holding the Chargers to eight points in the third quarter.

The offense also started to click, and the Vikes racked up 18 points in the third period to take a 43-22 lead into the fourth quarter.

Grayling continued to score points, and wrapped up the game on the good side of a 60-37 score.

Bobenmoyer was the high scorer with 24 points. Burkett also had

a solid offensive game, putting in 13 points.

The JV Vikings will play their last game of the '98-99 season on Tuesday, March 2, at Roscommon. Game starts at 6 p.m.

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Varsity Volleyball Team takes two from Standish

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling High School Varsity Volleyball Team won two best of three series against the visiting Standish Sterling Panthers on Thursday, February 18, including a series that counted as a North East Michigan Conference (NEMC) tournament match.

Grayling won the first series, which counted as the last regular season contest for the varsity team, by a margin of two games to one.

The first game started out slow in the scoring department, with both teams looking flat and losing offensive opportunities by serving into the net or out of bounds.

GHS started to pull away later in the game, however. With Grayling up 8-6 and Brandy Ritter serving, the team set up Melanie Paxton for a couple big hits, and scored three points to go up 11-6. Grayling scored two more on separate serving chances to take a 13-6 lead.

GHS appeared to have control of the game, but Standish pulled together and scored five straight, closing the gap to two, 11-13.

After a couple chances at serving, Grayling came up empty. The Panthers took advantage of their next opportunity, scoring four quick ones to take the match 15-13.

Down one game to none, the Vikings needed to win the next two matches to claim the series, which they did.

In game two, the match was relatively close until the Grayling team scored six straight behind the service of Ritter, who scored an ace on game point to take the match 15-6.

Grayling played well in the rubber match to win the game 15-4 and the series 2-1.

The second series, which was also a best two of three match-up, counted as a NEMC tournament game.

GHS won that series as well, this time in a two games to none sweep.

The first game was close right up until the very end. With the score tied at 13-13, Paxton came up with a spike to get Grayling the serve, and with Ritter providing the service, Grayling scored two points to win the match 15-13.

With GHS in control of the series 1-0, the Vikings played another strong game, winning the match by a score of 15-7 and taking the series 2-0.

With GHS up 5-2, the Vikings scored five points with Carrie Cadeau serving to go up 10-2. Standish came back with three points to cut the Grayling lead to five, 10-5. With Paxton in the

serving spot, the Vikes scored four, including an ace, to make it game point at 14-5.

Facing the tournament series loss, Standish got the ball back and put two more points on the board to make it 14-7.

Grayling then won back the ball, and Mika Sumner finished the game (15-7) with a strong serve that Standish was unable to field cleanly.

Sumner, Paxton, Lindsey Voelker and Jenny Phillips all had some big shots on the front line for the day, and Mandy Trudgeon did a good job of setting the ball up.

Grayling is now finished with regular season play, and will head to Districts on Saturday, March 6.

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K of C free throw contest winners shoot at halftime

At halftime of the Varsity Basketball game on Tuesday, February 16, in the Grayling High School gym, local winners of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship took the court to show off their skills at the stripe.

Emily Henion, Jason Strohpaal, and Matt Swope each took a turn. Those three, along with Brandon Gorr, were this year's Grayling K of C overall free throw shooting champions.

Henion, who was State Champion last year, hit 15 of 15 in the 1999 local contest. Strohpaal, Swope and Gorr each hit 12 of 15 in their respective age group at the local tourney.

Past K of C free throw champions Mary Dobry, Brandy Ritter and Gibson Tobin were the honorary rebounders for the halftime shooting event.

In January nine winners were decided with the local championship tournament, which was held at the

Grayling Middle School gym.

Young boys and girls competed in their respective age groups. The following are the contest winners and their division:

Boys: Brian Adams, 9 years old; Eli VanNuck, 10 years; Jason Strohpaal, 11 years; Matt Swope, 12 years; Adam Kaiser, 13 years; Roy Czapek, 14 years.

Girls: Katie Baynham, 11 years old; Laura Gorski, 12 years; Emily Henion, 13 years.

These nine local shooters qualified to advance to the district competition, which was held in Gaylord on Saturday, February 6. Baynham and Kaiser were unable to attend, so alternates Jodi Riddle and Zackery Guardado competed in their places.

Adams, VanNuck, Riddle and Henion all won their division at the district competition, and moved on to the regionals, which was held recently in Gaylord.

Henion finished first at the regional tournament, after hitting 21 of 25 from the stripe. She is now eligible to compete in the State Finals, which will be held on March 14 in Pewamo. This will be her third trip to state competition, where she has previously finished as runner-up and champion.

Adams and Riddle both finished as 2nd alternates for the State Finals, and VanNuck finished 3rd in a tough division. He hit 19 of 25 at regionals.

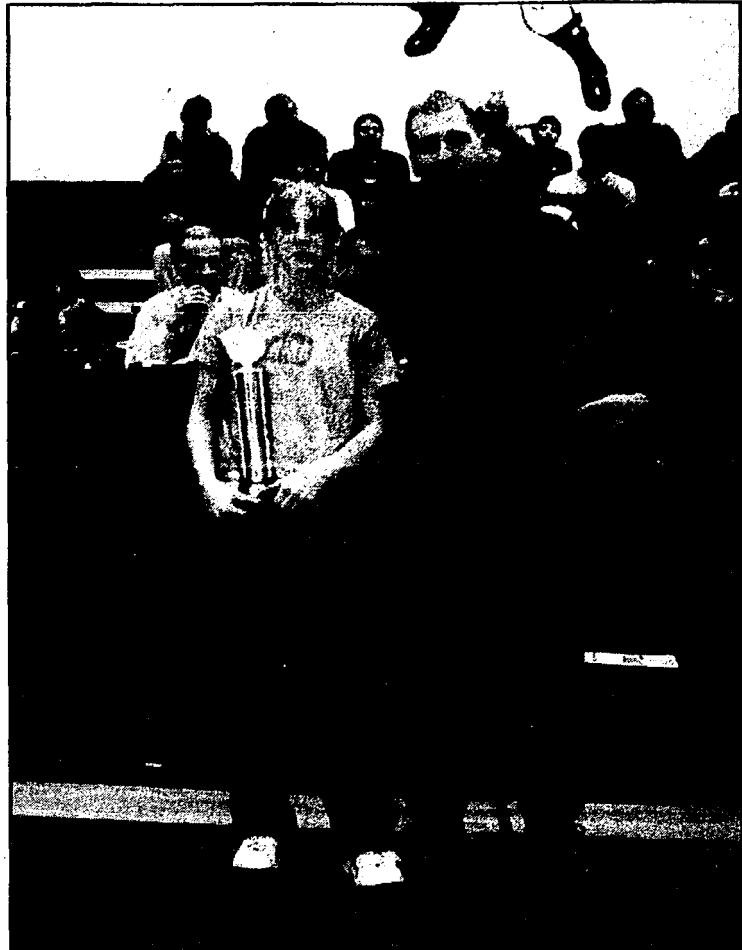


Photo by Linda Golnick

FREE THROW CHAMP -- Emily Henion (left) is presented with the Grayling K of C Free Throw Contest overall-champion trophy by Marlyn Neuberger.

Relay for Life seeks teams

The Crawford County American Cancer Board is planning its first 24 hour Relay for Life to be held on June 26 and 27 from 10 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Grayling High School track.

The event is Team Oriented with Teams representing families, friends, businesses and organizations.

The event will be kicked-off with a survivor's lap, and in the evening there will be a luminary service in honor of survivors and in memory of those who have lost the battle to cancer.

For those interested in getting involved, please call Traci Nelson, this year's Chairperson. Nelson can be reached at Chemical Bank North at 348-6511 or her home at (517) 275-5749.

POOL LEAGUE

Men's Standings	
Tadpoles	88 - 38
Frederic Inn	74 - 52
Riverside	69 - 57
Red Barn	68 - 58
Legion	66 - 60
Red Barn II	59 - 67
Plaza	40 - 86
Frogies	40 - 86
8 Ball Run on Break: Pete of Frogies.	
8 Ball Run: Kelly of Tadpoles.	
7 Ball Run: Kevin of Plaza	
Won All Games: Art and Jim of Tadpoles.	
Women's Standings	
Sawmill II	174
Spikes	146
Plaza	145
Frederic Inn	124
Legion	124
Sawmill I	111

Two 5 Ball Runs: Sandy P., Dee K. 5 Ball Run: Melonie R., Audrey W.

YOUTH SKI RACING CLINIC

Final week and year-end results for the Citizen's Bank Ski Race Clinic

Sunday marked the end of the 1999 Hanson Hills/Citizen's Bank free race clinic. Race director John Alef said, "Thanks to the volunteers and Citizen's Bank we were able to host another exciting season of ski racing." Alef went on to say "We have some young children coming up through the ranks that should be able to have an impact on our high school ski team."

Melissa Kalonich led the pre-school and kindergarten girls this week. Shannon Scott was 2nd. Zach Mech finished first for the boys. Bradley Biggs was 2nd, and Tyler Brigham 3rd.

Taylor Doremire led the 1st and 2nd grade girls. Gracie Calkins was 2nd. Michael Olson returned from Colorado to lead the boys group.

Rachel Doremire led the 3rd and 4th grade girls. Avery Diola was 2nd, Gabby Calkins 3rd, and Jessie Riddle 4th. Kody Diola led the boys group. Scott Olson was 2nd, Jimmy Hilbrecht 3rd, and Andrew Hart 4th.

Jill Seager continued her winning ways and led the 5th and 6th grade girls. Jodi Riddle was a close 2nd, Beth Lucey 3rd, and Mandy Scott 4th.

Trevor Clough topped the boys

group. Anthony Neal was 2nd, Patrick McNally 3rd, Greg Kalonich 4th, Ben Lucey 5th, and Ryan Mech 6th.

Nicole Doremire moved into the top finish for the 7th and 8th grade girls. Allison Diola was 2nd, and Nicole Mech 3rd. Justin Hanes led the boys group. Matt Seager was 2nd, Josh Jurkovich 3rd, and Brandon Burrick 4th.

After Sunday's race was completed results for the season were totaled and awards were distributed. The following is the year-end results for the 1999 season.

Melissa Kalonich took 1st place in the pre-school and kindergarten girls group. Shannon Scott was 2nd. Zach Mech finished 1st for the boys group. Bradley Biggs took 2nd.

Gracie Calkins held the top position for the 1st and 2nd grade girls. Taylor Doremire was 2nd, Mackinley Moore 3rd, and Haley McMahon 4th. Michael Olson finished first overall for the boys group.

Rachel Doremire placed 1st overall for the 3rd and 4th grade girls. Avery Diola was 2nd, Gabby Calkins 3rd, Jessi Riddle 4th, and Ashley Jurkovich 5th. Kody Diola was the top skier for the boys group. Andrew Hart was a close 2nd, Scot Olson 3rd, Jimmy Hilbrecht 4th, and Brandon



McMahon 5th.

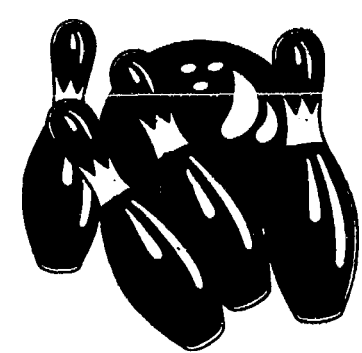
Jill Seager was the 1st overall finisher for the 5th and 6th grade girls. Jodi Riddle was 2nd, Beth Lucey 3rd, and Mandy Scott 4th. Trevor Clough had an outstanding season to lead the boys group. Greg Kalonich was 2nd, Patrick McNally 3rd, Anthony Neal 4th, Alex McNamara 5th, Ben Lucey 6th, Ryan Mech 7th, John Handy 8th, and Jimmy Jansen 9th.

Andrew Alvarez topped the 7th and 8th grade girls group. Allison Diola was 2nd, and Nicole Doremire 3rd. Matt Seager was 1st overall for the boys group. Josh Jurkovich was 2nd, Justin Hanes 3rd, and Brandon Burrick 4th.

John Alef and Mark Sloan said that Hanson Hills, Citizen's Bank, the volunteers, and all the children that took part this year made the 1999 race clinic a good one. If you would like to see details of each week's race and year-end results visit the web site at www.hanson-hills.org.

BOWLING LEAGUE

American Men's	
Joel's Team	31 - 18
Moore's Auto	31 - 18
Upper Lakes	27 - 22
Forrest Bros.	26 - 23
McLean's Ace	25 - 24
Stitches by Sue	25 - 24
Gaylord Ford	18 - 31
Fenton's Auto	13 - 36
High Game: T. Kotrash, 233; L. Davis Jr., 227; J. Thayer, 221.	
High Series: L. Davis, 582; L. Davis Jr., 577; P. Faustman, 567; T. Kotrash, 567.	
Triangle	
Barber Const.	21 - 11
Sumner	19.5 - 12.5
C.S.I. Ind. Sys.	19 - 13
Airway Auto	18 - 14
Moshier Auto	15.5 - 16.5
Johnson	3 - 29
High Game: T. Everly, 227; J. Golnick, 217; M. Campbell, 208.	
High Series: J. Golnick, 557; T. Everly, 545; R. Hinds, 523.	
Sunday Night Mixed	
McDonald's of Gaylord	23 - 13
McDonald's	21 - 15
Custom Interior	20.5 - 15.5
R&M Masonry	18.5 - 17.5
Wakeley's Auto Parts	17 - 19
Waste Management	15 - 21
Us & Them	15 - 21
Citgo	14 - 22
Men's High Game: R. Hinds, 205; D. Romain, 190; M. Ashworth, 186; B. Nielson, 186.	
Men's High Series: R. Hinds, 507; M. Ashworth, 504; R. Adkinson, 497.	
Women's High Game: T. Elekonich, 196; K. Moshier, 189; J. Hinds, 185.	
Women's High Series: K. Moshier, 560; J. Hinds, 519; T. Elekonich, 512.	
Senior Citizen League	
Cornell Realty	49 - 39
Flowers By Josie	47 - 41
Totten's Body Shop	46 - 42
Sylvester's Sports	45.5 - 42.5
Tees 'N' Such 'R' Us	43 - 45
Baynham Forest Products	42.5 - 45.5
Buccilli's Pizza	40 - 48
Stevens Family Circle	39 - 49
Men's High Game: A. Smith, 186; J. Rasmussen, 183; G. Wolfe, 178.	



Men's High Series: G. Wolfe, 491; A. Smith, 482; J. Rasmussen, 479.

Women's High Game: J. Miller, 175; M. Ryssso, 171; M. Tarr, 171.

Women's High Series: M. Ryssso, 462; D. Mead, 460; D. Burrick, 442.

National First

Faustman's Insurance 23 - 12

Century 21 22 - 13

Grayling Ford 21 - 14

Swamp II 17 - 18

Gun's & Grub's 17 - 18

Northern White Tail 16 - 19

Forrest Brothers 14 - 21

Hellebuyck Masonry 10 - 25

High Game: A. Angove, 238; P. Faustman, 236; T. Sheldon, 235.

High Series: A. Angove, 691; P. Faustman, 673; B. Palmer, 662.



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LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS

Crawford County Board of Commissioners Regular Board Meeting January 20, 1999

The Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lynnette Corlew, at 9:30 a.m. in the County Building on January 20, 1999.

Roll Call: Corlew, Wieland, Goltick, Hanson, Pinkelman and Beardslee. Sandra Moore, County Clerk, Present; Paul Compo, County Controller, Present. There were also other visitors present.

Approved the Minutes for the December 22, 1998 as presented.

Approved the Minutes for the January 5, 1999 Organizational Board meeting as presented.

Moved to submit a letter to the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District supporting the concept of their program and inform them that we are unable to make an appropriation for this fiscal year.

Send a letter of support on behalf of the Board to the Road Commission of Crawford County in their pursuit of a grant in the amount of \$200,000 to develop a non-motorized trail in the county.

Continue with Municipal Underwriters of Michigan, Inc. in the amount of \$33,382.00 for their Liability Insurance and accept the one year contract.

Approved the Ways and Means Committee

Report and payment of the following vouchers: General Fund Balance in the amount of \$110,931.75. Environmental control Fund in the amount of \$153.18. Remuneration Fund in the amount of \$8,630. Dare in the amount of \$482.38.

Adopted the 1999 salary/wage schedule for elected and appointed officials and adjust the Magistrate weekend arrangement salary at \$4,025 as in the past.

Sending County Controller Compo to the MAC Annual Legislative Conference in Lansing on February 7-9, 1999 and pay registration fees in the amount of \$220 as well as expenses.

Authorize registration fees in the amount of \$40 each for the Board Chair, Committee Chairs and members of the County Board to attend the Training Session sponsored by the MAC and MSU Extension on January 25, 1999 at Gaylord Holiday Inn.

Moved to pledge \$500 as part of the local match for the \$200,000 grant being applied for the Michigan Department of Transportation by the Road Commission for the non-motorized trail plan.

Relocate the frequency antenna used by the Sheriff Department from the Beaver Creek tower to the Cellular One Tower at Skyline in the amount of \$3,553.18.

Pay up to \$400 for an engineering study prior to installation of the frequency antenna, and \$400 for frequency coordination fees.

Approved travel reimbursements in the amount of .295 per mile for Commissioners who attend out of County meetings, conferences and seminars.

Accepted Correspondence as presented. Entered into the contract with Computer Services, Inc. for \$155,482 and New World for \$34,775.

Total expenditure for computer software not to exceed the awarded grant amount of \$190,679.

Entered into the Municipal Employees

Retirement System Benefits Resolution for Sheriff and Central Dispatch Department employees.

Adopted a resolution to recognize the support of the citizens during the December 31, 1998 1-75 white-out accident.

Change the February, March and April meetings to the following dates:
February 10; Committee at 2 p.m.
March 19; Committee at 1 p.m.
March 24; Regular at 9:30 a.m.
April 12; Committee at 2 p.m.
April 14; Regular at 9:30 a.m.

Approved to send a letter to the Counties utility companies requesting Y2K compliance.

Requested a legal opinion from the Prosecutor on the counties legal rights regarding the proper procedure for appointment or removal of an elected versus appointed Road Commissioner.

Adopted resolution 1999-0120 honoring Terry R. Wright for creating the Crawford County Trail Master Plan.

Extended the Mental Health current term for Board members to March 31, 1999.

Appointed Elizabeth R. Wieland to fill the vacancy on the Mental Health Board until March 31, 2000.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes is on file in the Clerk's office.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

SYNOPSIS

Beaver Creek

NOTICE - BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting March 2, 1999 at 3:00 p.m. at the Beaver Creek Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 1999 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 8, 1999, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Wednesday, March 10, 1999, 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8994 S. Oak Rd., Grayling.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township.

CLASS	TENTATIVE	TENTATIVE FACTOR
Agricultural	40.59	1.2318
Commercial	49.71	1.0058
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	46.06	1.0855

Lee Riley
Township Supervisor

-11-18-25

TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 2, 1999 at 9 a.m.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on:
Mon., March 8, 1999 9 am - noon
1 pm - 4 pm

Wed., March 10, 1999 1 pm - 4 pm
6 pm - 9 pm

All meetings will be held at the township hall, 8996 N. Sherman Rd.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

Classification	Factor	Ratio
Real Property		
Agricultural	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000

Personal	50.00	1.0000
Utilities	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial		

Mark D. Kniss
Supervisor
Maple Forest Township

-11-18-25

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES

The Lovells Township Board of the Township of Lovells will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of .07146 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 1999.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 1999 at 7:45 at the Lovells Township Hall.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes .07146% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by 0% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

In order to maintain basic services of the township, the township board proposes to levy an additional mill rate of 0.07146 mills (71 cents per thousand sev).

The taxing unit publishing this notice, and identified below, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

This notice is published by:
Township of Lovells
8405 Twin Bridge Road
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-9215
(517) 348-6437 Fax

-25-4

Lane. Motion by Mobarak that we authorize supervisor, with cooperation of Zoning Dept., to take necessary steps to enforce the Cleanup Order adjudicated by Judge Murphy in the township's favor. Seconded and carried.

Discussion regarding subdivision splits. No action taken at this time. Motion by Mobarak to accept the Federal Poverty Standards to be used for township hardship determination. Seconded and carried.

Motion by Mobarak to pay AP bills plus pending insurance bill. Seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.
Sharon Hartman, Clerk

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Crawford County

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by: Ray D. McIntyre to Midwest Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 25, 1996, and recorded on November 27, 1996, in Liber 422, on page 156, Crawford County Records,

Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR AND 27/100 DOLLARS (\$37,854.27), including interest at 8.1250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the Court Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m., on March 17, 1999.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

LOT(S) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 AND 8, BLOCK 2, PORTAGE LAKE PARK 5TH EDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 01 OF PATS, PAGE 24, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS. TAX ID # 045-765-02-001-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 26, 1999
Midwest Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee
PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSO-
CIATES, P.C.
30300 Northwestern Highway, Suite 222
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334
1029 Walnut Plaisance
Grayling, MI 49738 -4-11-18-25-4

CITY OF GRAYLING BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Grayling Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 3, 1999 at 7:30 p.m.

The Board will meet with the public on the following:
Monday, March 8, 1999 9 a.m. - Noon
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, March 13, 1999 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

All meetings will be at Grayling City Hall, 103 South James Street.

The following are the tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property.

Class:	Ratio	Factor
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Personal Property	50.00	1.0000

Larry D. Hunter
City Assessor

-25-4-11

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW/BUDGET HEARING/ZONING NOTICE

The Lovells Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. They will meet with taxpayers from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Lovells Township Hall.

The Lovells Township Board of Review will meet with taxpayers on Monday, March 8, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Lovells Township Hall.

The following are the tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Lovells Township.

Class	Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	49.41	1.0119
Commercial	43.07	1.1609
Residential	41.76	1.1973
Personal	49.98	1.0004

The budget hearing for the General Fund, Fire Fund, Landfill Fund, Liquor Fund and Library Fund for fiscal year 1999-2000 will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lovells Township Board on Tuesday, March 9, 1999 at 7:00 p.m.

There are two openings on the zoning board for a four year term starting April 1, 1999. Those interested please contact the Lovells Township Supervisor at 348-9215.

Frederick Schaibly
Lovells Township Supervisor

-18-25

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR LETTER OF INTEREST FROM INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All citizens are advised that the Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) is soliciting letters of interest from individuals interested in serving on its Board of Directors.

Terms of office for members of the Board of Directors are six (6) years. The term expiration for the current vacancy, which has been caused by resignation, is June 30, 1999. The candidate appointed to fill the vacant seat shall be eligible for reappointment to a full six year term.

The Board of Directors meets monthly. It establishes policies governing, as well as providing policy oversight pertaining to, the business, operations, property and affairs of the CCTA.

All Board Members shall be over the age of eighteen (18) years, with no prior felony convictions.

In order for proposals to be considered they must be either post marked no later than February 28, 1999 or submitted directly to the CCTA administrative offices in a clearly labeled sealed envelope by no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 1999.

Questions or comments regarding this request for proposals are to be directed to Mr. David Frederick, Executive Director, Crawford County Transportation Authority whose office is located at the following address, or who may be reached at the following telephone number.

Crawford County Transportation Authority
4276 West North Down River Road
Grayling, Michigan 49738
(517) 348-8215

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GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Telephone: (517) 348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with tax payers starting at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 8, 1999, until 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. This year the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 11th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 13th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Petitioners will be received on a "first-come-first served basis" and can also protest by mail.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Agricultural	48.33	1.00000
Commercial	46.74	1.00000
Industrial	49.50	1.00000
Residential	47.78	1.00000

Terry Wright, Supervisor
Monica Ashton, Clerk

-18-25

TAXPAYERS OF FRÉDERIC TOWNSHIP

The Frederic Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 2, 1999 at 9 a.m.

The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers on Monday, March 8, 1999 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, March 13, 1999 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All meetings will be held at the Frederic Township Hall, 7564 Co. Rd. 612 Frederic, MI 49733.

The purpose of the meetings will be to hear appeals of assessments, classifications and answer questions pertaining to the assessment roll.

Classification	Factor	Ratio
Real Property		
Agricultural	50.00	1.000
Residential	50.00	1.000
Commercial	50.00	1.000
Industrial	50.00	1.000
Personal	50.00	1.000
Utilities	50.00	1.000
Commercial	50.00	1.000
Industrial		

Brian Hulbert
Supervisor
Frederic Township

-25-4-11

WEIGHT RESTRICTION PUBLIC NOTICE

As of Monday, February 15, 1999 at 8:00 a.m. The Road Commission For Crawford County has established enforceable weight restrictions for travel on all primary and local roads. At a minimum, commercial haulers are expected to comply with the Michigan Department of Transportation Standard, which includes load restrictions of 35%.

After meeting with commercial haulers to determine reasonable application and enforcement procedures and routes, the following roads may be traveled while frost laws are in effect, in accordance with state law:

Old 27: County Line to County Line
612: Old 27 East to I-75
Four Mile Road: I-75 to Railroad Crossing
Sherman Road: North County Line to Landfill

Frost Law Restricted Roads Are Signed And Frost Laws Are Being Enforced.

In the event of a quick thaw, lesser loads may be required. Please contact Jed Blaauw, Superintendent at (517) 348-2281, should you be a hauler with a specific question about restricted roads.

This notice is being issued in coordination and cooperation with area road commissions.

By: Donald Babcock, Managing Director
For: Raymond S. Swiercz, Chairman
Robert E. Nelson, Vice-Chairman
William S. Gannon, Commissioner

-18-25

FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of February 28-March 6

ARIES March 21-April 20

The offers are coming in this week. It could be for a new job or maybe a chance to learn something that could help in your current position. Don't let the offers pass you by. Take advantage of the situation to help develop the new you.

TAURUS April 21-May 21

Don't be afraid to take a chance this week. It could mean that your supervisor will see your true potential, which could open doors for you at work. Try not to be vague when discussing plans for an upcoming event. You don't want it to be a drag.

GEMINI May 22-June 21

Go the extra mile to try to understand a person's point of view. It's best if you don't jump to conclusions, so listen carefully to the whole story or idea. Tuesday should be a red-letter day for you. Plan something special with your friends.

CANCER June 22-July 22

Break routine! Yes, this is the week when you need to take the plunge and try something new, even if it's just a new route to work or a different breakfast cereal. How about a class? You might find a new hobby or hidden talent you really enjoy.

LEO July 23-August 23

You might be looking forward to the weekend, but Friday will be your big day this week. That's because you'll get some good news from work, friends or family. You can count on that friend who promised to help you with a project this weekend.

VIRGO August 24-September 22

Be open to any travel you may have to do this week. At home it might be a complicated week, but don't let that influence you if you need to go out of town for work. A parent or sibling might be a good source of help for a developing problem at home.

LIBRA September 23-October 23

Your priorities are out of sync. It's time to get them in order. Your home life and your work are suffering from your indecision. Even though you're busy with home and work, don't forget that a special day is coming for a dear friend.

SCORPIO October 24-November 22

Use your time wisely this week. You may even find that by doing so you have some time for yourself. Don't waste it—do something special. Maybe you can get away for the weekend with your partner or a friend. Or maybe you should just relax at home.

SAGITTARIUS November 23-December 21

If you don't know the whole story, don't jump to conclusions. You've been more than generous with your time recently. Have you bitten off more than you can chew? Is part of your life suffering? Commit it's time to reconsider your commitments.

CAPRICORN December 22-January 20

Put some zest into your relationships, by taking a trip with your partner to rekindle happier times. Plan a day of fun at the mall, a spa or a ballgame with a friend or group of friends. An old and dear relative could really use some company.

AQUARIUS January 21-February 18

Maybe what you need is a change in your career. Maybe you just need to take a vacation. Whatever it is, your outlook is starting to affect other people, so you need to work on attitude improvements. Start now before you cause permanent damage.

PISCES February 19-March 20

It's time for you to get away from the everyday grind. Whether it's a day, a weekend or more, it's what you need to put everything in perspective. A great opportunity may be headed your way, but be sure you look thoroughly before you leap.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

CHILI PIZZA

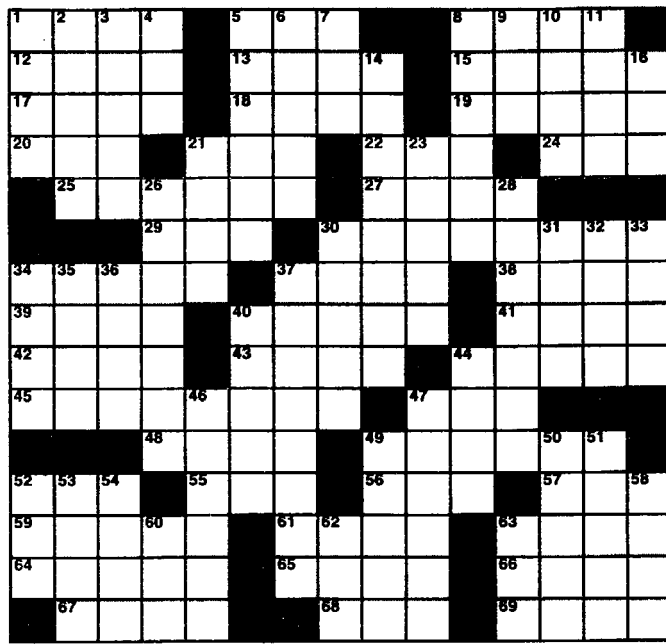
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 package (1.25 oz.) chili seasoning mix
- 1 can (14 1/2 oz.) stewed tomatoes, cut up
- 1 can (14 1/2 oz.) pinto or kidney beans
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 can (4 oz.) sliced black olives
- 8 large (burrito size) flour tortillas

1. Brown ground beef, drain. Stir in seasoning mix and tomatoes, cook 5-10 minutes. 2. Arrange tortillas in a circle on a 12-inch pizza pan, overlap edges where needed. 3. Spoon ground beef mixture onto tortillas. Top with cheese and olives. Bake in 400° F. oven 5-10 minutes or until cheese is melted. Makes one 12-inch pizza.



HOME NEEDED - This male Chow-Mix puppy is six months old, housebroken and friendly. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1. Freight boat
- 2. Parent Teacher Association: abbr.
- 3. Reminded
- 4. Large burrowing rodent of S. and C. America
- 5. Aboriginal race
- 6. Advanced Sonar Data Indication Commission: abbr.
- 7. News
- 8. Restrict or constrain
- 9. Civil rights group
- 10. After B
- 11. Soviet Socialist Republic: abbr.
- 12. A digital tape recording of sound
- 13. Japanese ornamental tree with fragrant white or pink blossoms and small yellow fruit
- 14. Small bone of the inner ear
- 15. Freudian self
- 16. Vacation: shortened form
- 17. 13th-century holy wars
- 18. Insert mark
- 19. Foundation
- 20. Murres
- 21. Paul Bunyan's pets
- 22. "Who ___ to cross my path?"
- 23. Frock
- 24. The scum formed by oxidation at the surface of molten metals
- 25. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid: abbr.
- 26. A confusion of voices and other sounds

DOWN

- 1. Specification: shortened form
- 2. Restaurants
- 3. Group of eight
- 4. No longer is
- 5. Astronomy unit
- 6. Ranks
- 7. Black tropical American cuckoo
- 8. Poem divisions
- 9. United States of America: abbr.
- 10. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made into balls
- 11. Andrew __ Clay, comedian
- 12. Where submarines travel
- 13. Consumer Product Index: abbr.
- 14. Peacefulness; calmness
- 15. The "teeth" on rotating gears (sing.)
- 16. Sound unit
- 17. Stroke
- 18. After Fri.
- 19. ___ and Peace
- 20. A fabric woven from goat and camel hair
- 21. Sound of understanding
- 22. A citizen of Iran
- 23. Icelandic poems
- 24. Outer garments
- 25. Concerns
- 26. "Gosh ___ it!"
- 27. Small deer of Japan with slightly forked antlers
- 28. Sweet edible fruit with a single large woody seed
- 29. The cry made by sheep
- 30. Door handle
- 31. Small fight, usually between couples
- 32. A chill or fit of shivering
- 33. Takes vengeance on behalf of
- 34. Highly seasoned minced meat stuffed in casings
- 35. A person who works with a carnival
- 36. Uninteresting
- 37. Irish Republic
- 38. Take a trip on a boat
- 39. An Indian unit of length having different values in different localities
- 40. A shaft on which a wheel rotates
- 41. Back side
- 42. Bargained; traded
- 43. Yugoslavian River
- 44. Cold wind
- 45. Not at all
- 46. Copa ___
- 47. Arthropod genus
- 48. Absorption unit
- 49. A stiff, cylindrical military dress hat with a metal plate in front, a short visor and a plume
- 50. Meaning intentionally misspelled or misspelled, used after a printed word or phrase
- 51. Rumanian city
- 52. Scarlett's home
- 53. As fast as can be done: abbr.
- 54. Used to capture birds, fish, butterflies, etc.
- 55. To apply with short, poking strokes
- 56. Request

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago

February 26, 1976

Viking Skiers win regional meet. Herb Olson took medalist honors in slalom and was third in giant slalom to lead his Grayling teammates to a regional championship in a meet at Bear Mt. on February 19. With the Vikings placing first by a narrow three-point margin with 118 points, they now qualify for the state finals on March 1 in Traverse City. Kurt Larson was one of the top medal winners with a sixth place in slalom. Mark Sloan finished a strong 15th, and Joe Wieland finished up Grayling's qualification right behind Sloan in 17th place.



REGION III CHAMPS--Pictured from left, Joe Wieland, Tim Mason, Mark Sloan, Herb Olson, Scott Norman, Kurt Larson, Rick Norman and Coach Wieland.

The Grayling Mat Men will wear the State Crown of the Regional Class C Wrestling Tournament Championship which was held in Shelby on Saturday. Butch Partello received his 100th victory medal Saturday after getting a 18-0 superior decision in the first round of wrestling. This is the second wrestler to receive a 100th victory medal for Grayling this year.

The City and Township of Grayling Volunteer Fire Department answered 75 calls during 1975 for a total of 1,443 man hours with one serious injury in the department occurring during this period. Causes of most of the fires were chimney, improper installation, poor maintenance of heating systems.

A project increasing the number of lines and telephone numbers in General Office is underway. Equipment installation crews are installing 100 lines for coin telephones and increasing the switch paths through the office allowing more calls to be made simultaneously which has the effect of making 100 new regular lines available for use.

Mr. and Mrs. James Miller of Grayling are the proud parents of a son, James Steven Jr., born February 18, weighing 10 lbs. 13 1/2 ozs.

A son, Thomas Basil, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Miller of Frederic on February 18, weighing

10 lbs. 11ozs.

46 Years Ago
Thursday, February 26, 1953
The marriage of Miss Dolores J. Golinick and Charles G. Feldhauser was solemnized on February 14 at St. Michael's Rectory, Roscommon, at four o'clock in the afternoon. Rev. Fr. Walter Grill performed the double ring ceremony in the presence of immediate family members. Dolores is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Golinick and Charles, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Paul Feldhauser.

The Melvin Sauters of Roscommon are happy over the arrival of a son on February 21.

The Grayling American Legion Post 106 is sponsoring a drive to raise \$50,000 to build a new cedar block building and to install six new bowling alleys in it, with room remaining for two more if business were to warrant their addition. Plans now call for the building and alleys to be ready for use on Oct. 1, 1953.

69 Years Ago

Thursday, February 27, 1930

A band has been organized under the direction of band master E.G. Clark, Committee, Frank Sales, Pres; E.G. Clark, Vice Pres and Director; LaVern Cushman, Sect. and Treas. Following is a list of members and no doubt there will be more later:

Cornets, E. G. Clark, Harold McNeven, LaVern Cushman, Archie Cripps and DeVere Dawson. Alto, Morgan Paige, Middle LaMotte. Clarinets William Heric; drums T. J. Clark and Don Reynolds; snare, John Mathieson; bass, Frank Sales and Leo Schram; trombones, Dr. C. G. Clippert, Floyd McClain, Lionel McClain, Jo Gildner, Marius Hanson; saxophones Harry LaBarge, Lester Olsen, Samuel Smith, Farnham Matson, Esbern Olson. The boys are practicing in the old band room and expect to play at the basketball tournament in March.

Miss Nellie Cary Welch was four-years-old Friday and Mrs. Welch entertained six little girls in her honor in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lewis and son, Mark, were in Grayling over the weekend. Fire wiped out Mr. Lewis' drug store about a month ago and he says the structure is nearly complete.

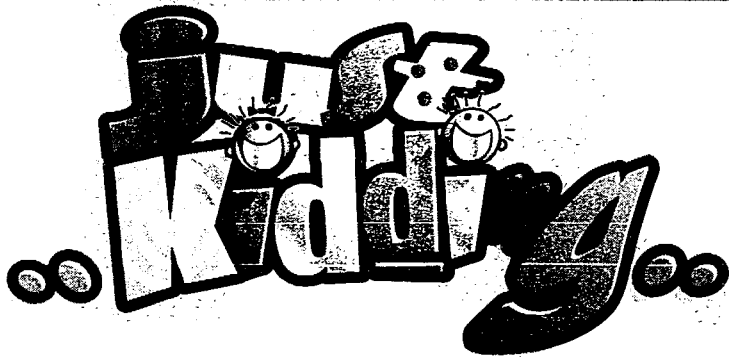
92 Years Ago

Thursday, February 26, 1907

J. K. Hanson is recovering from his serious attack of pneumonia.

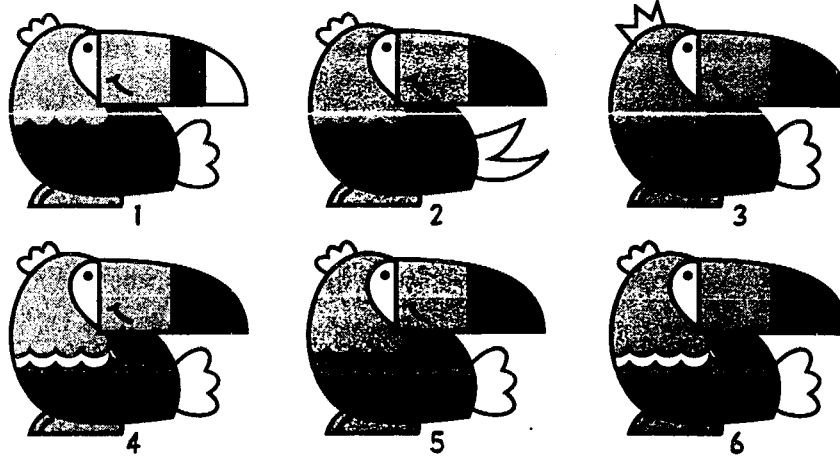
Mr. Fred Ireland of Pnemonia who has purchased 100 acres of riverfront down river will, during the coming spring, build a summer residence there. J. F. Hum will do the building and the plans are by A. C. Varney and Co. of Detroit.

Sheriff Amidon has appointed B. F. Sherman of Maple Forest a deputy, which is all right for that locality.



FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



Answer: Four and Six



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	H	L	Snow	On Ground
2/17	37	26	1.5"	5"
2/18	26	16	1"	6"
2/19	23	11	0.5"	6"
2/20	22	-1		6"
2/21	25	-2		6"
2/22	21	-11		6"
2/23	27	-11		6"

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Thursday snow is likely with a high in the 30's. Friday will be partly cloudy with a high in the 30's and the low in the 20's. Saturday will have a chance of snow showers with the high in mid 30's to 40 and the low in the 20's.

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2. For Rent

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2. For Rent

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

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7. Miscellaneous

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8. Announcements

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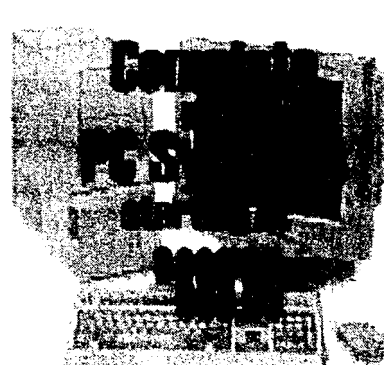
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8. Announcements

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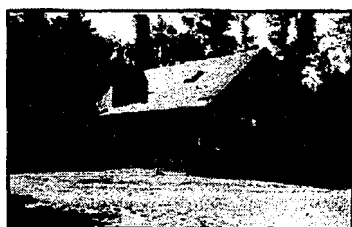
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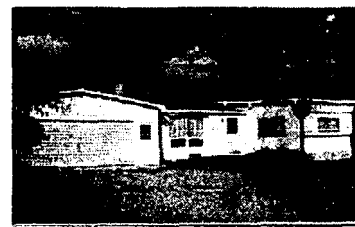
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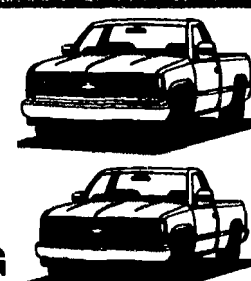
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